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Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God.

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## THE CHILD JESUS.

A CORNISH CAROL.

Welcome that star in Judah's sky,  
That voice o'er Bethlehem's palmy glen;  
The lamp far sages hailed on high.  
The tones that thrilled the shepherd men;  
Glory to God in loftiest heaven!  
Thus angels smote the echoing chord;  
Glad tidings unto man forgiven.  
Peace from the presence of the Lord.

The shepherds sought that birth divine,  
The wise men traced their guided way;  
There by strange light and mystic sign  
The God they came to worship lay.  
A human babe in beauty smiled,  
Where lowing oxen round him trod;  
A maiden clasped her holy child.  
Pure offspring of the breath of God.

Those voices from on high are mute;  
The star the wise men saw is dim;  
But hope still guides the wanderer's foot,  
And faith renews the angels' hymn,  
Glory to God in loftiest heaven!  
Touch with glad hand the ancient chord;  
Good tidings unto men forgiven,  
Peace from the presence of the Lord.

—Robert Stephen Hawker.

WE are all following Miss Child, in her long journey, with our love and prayers. Sailing from New York, September 28th, in the *Saale*, her party arrived in Genoa, October 9th, and after a stay of ten days in Italy proceeded *via* Brindisi for Bombay, arriving there early in November.

The following extracts are from a letter sent by her from Genoa:—

ASK all our friends to thank God with us for our beautiful passage across the Atlantic. It was more like a summer excursion to the coast of Maine than a dreaded ocean voyage. The sea and the sky by day and by night have been magnificent to look upon. Clouds have gathered again and again, have spread over the heavens, and then an unseen hand has brushed them away. A heavy swell has shown that there were storms at the north of us, but they did not come to us, and the ninety-first Psalm has been literally fulfilled in our experience. . . . We sighted Gibraltar in the early evening, and the grand old fortress was covered from base to summit with a light fog, which parted now and then just enough to let us know that it was no illusion, but very solid rock. We anchored at about eight o'clock, and soon the moon showed us the whole outline in all its grandeur,—a sleeping monster, softened and idealized by the moonlight, with a fringe of light around its base which showed that human beings lived safely under its protection. Passengers had an opportunity to go on shore the next morning, and it was most interesting to wander through the old market and see the haughty-looking Moors, whose ancestors were so long owners of the land, in their turbans and flowing robes; now, alas, forced to eke out a scanty living by selling eggs and chickens to the hated English. It was interesting also to see the beautiful gardens, the wonderful masonry of the fortress, and the heavy guns piercing the solid rock; but to me it was more impressive to look up at its rugged sides, which so often threatened Moor, and Moslem, and Christian,—once the key of Spain, now the “Gate of India,” held by a Christian queen, so that it may always be possible to carry the blessings of civilization and a true religion to her Orient people.

In Rome, Miss Child visited a girls' orphanage under the charge of a Methodist missionary. She writes:—

The building, once an old monastery, built on the traditional site of the crucifixion of St. Peter, is finely situated not far from the tomb of Tasso and in sight of the Vatican. About forty orphan girls find here a good education, industrial training, and a happy Christian home. They sang for us; and as their fresh young voices rang out with such a swing and vigor in

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come,”

we could not help contrasting them with the old inhabitants of the building, with their shaven heads, and cowls, and folded hands, their plots and schemes, both good and bad. There are many fountains in Rome. At every turn water gushes out in delicious power, and sparkle, and lavishness; but none of them are so beautiful as this fountain of living water that will flow from these young lives for the purification of this sunny land.

At an auxiliary meeting connected with the Methodist Board of the United States, toward which Miss Child naturally gravitated, she had her first experience in talking with an interpreter. This is her description of it:—

A short sentence and then an agitating pause, when my mind flies about trying to remember what it was I said, what I had intended to say, what I should say next, and how I should connect the two. The interpreter's sentence comes to an end suddenly and unexpectedly, and something must be said immediately,—good, bad, or indifferent,—so we go on with a hop, skip, and jump in a most distracting way.

THE Prayer Calendar for 1896 is ready for distribution, and we are sure that none who love the work and the workers will willingly go into the new year without it. From our missionaries of every land comes the reiterated entreaty, "Pray for us! pray for us!" and sounding back from the centuries comes the echo of our Lord's promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them."

In connection with the annual meeting of the American Board in Brooklyn, N. Y., a meeting was held under the auspices of the Woman's Board in the Church of the Pilgrims, Thursday morning, October 17th, and a large audience was gathered. Mrs. Judson Smith presided, and very interesting addresses were made by Mrs. Browne, of Harpoot, Turkey; Miss Webb, of Adana, Turkey; Mrs. Howland, of Ceylon; Mrs. Hazen, of Madura, India; Mrs. Logan, of Micronesia; Mrs. Holbrook, of South Africa; Mrs. Dale, of the Presbyterian Board; Mrs. Florence White James, recently of Mexico; and Mrs. Merritt, of North China.

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## INDIA.

### A CHRISTMAS IN MADURA.

BY MISS BESSIE B. NOYES.

It is always a "green Christmas," for the grass which sprang up to greet the November rains still covers the red earth; the trees show fresh, green leaves, and the creepers revel in luxuriant blossoms,—crimson, yellow, pink, and white,—while the rice fields are beginning to take on a golden

tint. The morning breeze, rustling in the leaves of the palm trees, tempts us out early, and we find each white pillar of the long veranda of the bungalow decorated with the great banana leaves, and know that some of our kind native friends have worked this transformation in the night. Presently we hear the sound of music,—a combination of fiddles, cymbals, and horns, accompanied by the beating of tom-toms, or native drums,—and there comes into sight a little company of our Tamil Christian neighbors, bearing a tray, on which are heaped wreaths of yellow and pink chrysanthemums, together with bananas, sugar, and other delicacies. Each one of the company presents each of us with a lime as he makes his salaam and offers Christmas greetings, and every one of us, even to the baby, is adorned with a wreath hung about the neck. As the day goes on we receive many such calls, and before night our rooms are decorated in every available place with the beautiful chrysanthemum wreaths.

At eight o'clock in the morning there is service in the church, and on our way there we exchange greetings with many happy people. There are many heathen festivals, but Christmas is the Christians' great religious festival, and all the Madura Christians come to church on that day dressed in gala costume. The men are resplendent in flowing white, or in jackets of green or yellow satin and fine muslin turbans, edged with red and gold. The women wear *sarees* of bright silk or of sheer muslin with wide gold borders; and young girls are gay in yellow, pink, or purple, while all the family jewels, hair ornaments, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, silver belts, and anklets, are freely displayed. Every one, from the old white-haired deacon to the little brown, wriggling baby laid on the mat at its mother's feet, wears flowers in the hair, and only the open doors and windows make endurable the sultry air laden with the odors of sandal wood, jessamine, and various Oriental oils and perfumes. The pillars of the church are festooned with wreaths of glossy green mango leaves, interspersed with gay paper flowers. The pulpit also is adorned with gold and silver tinsel and pink paper roses, and on the platform are pots of ferns and bright foliage plants. As we listen to the Christmas hymns and hear again the "old, old story—ever new," we realize the significance of the day, and it seems most appropriate that several little ones should be brought for baptism on the anniversary of His birth who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

After the service the morning is filled with preparations for a gathering of the children of Christians living near the mission premises, in what we call the "East Gate" of the city. This includes those of the boarding-school girls who have not gone home for the Christmas holidays. The



others had their celebration and wreath-giving before they left, and received each a bright picture card, and some fruit, candy, and native sweetmeats. About noon the children come in troops to the mission house,—young maidens in gay attire, little boys and girls, and even the babies carried on their mothers' hips. There come, too, "children of a larger growth," and some feeble old men and women, eager for their share of the good things of Christmas. Thanks to kind friends at home there is something for every one—dolls for the little girls, tops and marbles for the boys,



HIGH CASTE HINDU SCHOOLGIRLS.

and a bright scrap-book or picture book for at least one child in every family. There are rattles and socks for the babies, and the poorer children receive little petticoats and jackets. A few books are given to the older ones, and it is good to see the grateful salaams as an old man receives a Sunday jacket, or some poor woman a *saree*. If those at home who send out Christmas boxes of toys, picture cards and books, and remnants of bright cloth, could see the happiness in the little brown faces as their gifts are distributed, they would feel richly repaid for their trouble.

In the evening there are Christmas trees at the West Gate and North Gate Churches, so that every one is remembered. The gifts which adorn these trees, though supplemented by boxes from America, are mostly given by the Madura Christians, and represent much self-denial and hard work.

As Christmas is peculiarly the children's day, there is a special service for them in the afternoon, when all the children taught in the seventeen Sunday schools of Madura City meet in the East Gate Church. They come, with banners flying, marching in procession to the music of native instruments, and the unusual spectacle of so many children of all ranks together attracts great crowds, and draws many after them. Here is a little Hindu girl in a red petticoat and green satin jacket, over which is draped a purple and gilt cloth. Her shining black hair is drawn into a knot at the back of the head, and adorned with a golden disk and strings of pearls. She is covered with jewels from head to foot, and her anklets and bracelets jingle at every movement. Near by is a little Mohammedan boy, with flowing trousers of red silk, a coat of figured red and yellow satin, and an embroidered velvet cap; while not far away is a Brahmin boy in spotless white muslin and gorgeous turban, and white lines marked by sacred ashes on his forehead to show his religion and his caste. About them are many poorer children, but, whether in cotton or silk, nearly all wear gay colors. It is a beautiful sight to see the church filled with hundreds of these little children,—boys and girls, Christians, Mohammedans, and Hindus of all castes, sitting quietly crosslegged on the floor,—all gathered to celebrate Christ's birth. Their childish voices ring out the beautiful Tamil lyrics, beginning

“He who was born in Bethlehem,”

and

“Jesus Christ our Lord,  
The Saviour of all,”

and then each school has some special contribution of song, story, or verse to the service. The Normal School girls sing an original song about the “New Jerusalem,” written for the occasion by one of their teachers. Some very little girls repeat Bible verses, illustrating them with pretty gestures, and one or two, even, of the Hindu girls rise in the great church to repeat passages of Scripture. After the service the children go one by one to their teachers to receive picture papers, mostly *Mayflowers* and *Wellsprings* from America, and hold out a corner of their flowing drapery for a cupful of *cuddate* and *aol*, a mixture of parched peas and popped rice, of which the Tamil people are very fond. Then, school by school, they march in orderly fashion to their homes, to tell there the story of the day, to sing the Christmas songs, and arouse in their parents an interest in Him whose birth they have been celebrating.

So passes a very busy, happy day; but Christmas is not yet over, for all the Tamil Christians in the many villages of the Madura Station want to bring us their greetings, and limes, and wreaths, and have their Christmas *santhosum*, or joy. One day in the week following is set apart and given up to them, and they come by hundreds,—men, women, and children,—some wading through rivers and walking distances of from ten to twenty miles. After a morning service they recite Scripture lessons, which have been previously assigned,—some of the Psalms, the Sunday-school Golden Texts for the year, and the history of some Bible character,—and receive prizes of books, clothing, or toys, according to their age and proficiency. Afterwards the day is spent in visiting and in happy games out of doors. At noon there is a feast of rice, and curry, and fruit served in the schoolhouse for all who come from a distance, and early in the evening a stereopticon exhibition in front of the mission house. So all are remembered, and go home feeling the bonds of Christian brotherhood and love drawn closer.

Thus Christmas day in Madura brings anew to the Christians there the “good tidings of great joy,” and helps them, while living surrounded by heathen influences, to carry these tidings to others, and to say, “The day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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## MICRONESIA.

### CHRISTMAS IN KUSAIE.

BY MISS E. THEODORA CROSBY.

DECEMBER 25th, Tuesday. Christmas Day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four. Everywhere is sunshine and warmth, and leafy trees, and palms, and ferns, and beautiful flowers covering the earth with a blaze of glory. “Decorating for Christmas?” Not I; dear Dame Nature has taken the task out of our bungling hands, and her work makes a veritable fairyland—a fitting preparation for the Prince of Peace. Around our island smiles the Pacific, whose peaceful, drowsy murmurs seem like a lullaby to the Christ Child; a loving, tender welcome, taken up and repeated in louder strains by the birds flitting about on eager wing—all nature clad in festive array, singing a *Gloria in Excelsis*.

It is only a little bit of an island, it is true, but it is God’s island; and we are but few people, but unto us the Child was born. It is Christmas Day all around the world, and our island is a bit of the wide world and a little world in itself, and the weariness and sinfulness, and sickness and sorrow,

are here,—a bit of the land on which the shadow of death rests till the Day-spring from on high visits it; a Light to lighten these islanders, and the glory of the people of God.



MISS E. THEODORA CROSBY.

We are a busy little world down here, and especially these weeks, as we have had sick ones to care for; we have this, too, to rejoice over, that our sick ones are gradually coming back to health and strength. A part of our mission force is away on the *Morning Star*, and the rest of us have been so occupied with school work and the care of our people that Christmas was upon us almost before we were aware of it. We awoke to the situation and took counsel together; that we must celebrate the day was a foregone conclusion, and we finally decided that there would be as little work and as much pleasure in a tree as anything else; so that was settled, and some Christmas songs and verses selected for our boys and girls.

At twelve o'clock, noon, we assembled in the church where the tree was awaiting us, and it was very pretty. A symmetrical mangrove tree had been placed in a square box, and this was concealed by ferns and vines; the mangrove leaves are very dark, thick and glossy, long and narrow. We had trimmed the tree with festoons of pigeon berries, which are much like cranberries, only larger, hanging them from branch to branch and winding them around the trunk of the tree; the seventy or more lace bags, filled with

bright candy, which some good friend was thoughtful enough to send for the occasion, made a pretty contrast, while the twenty or thirty dolls in rainbow-hued costumes added touches of color to the whole. First we had singing and verses in English and Marshall; then we distributed the gifts, not omitting the Kusaians, who were well represented. There were two or three gifts for all, and they had a merry time.

The rest of the day we passed very quietly. Miss Palmer could not leave her girls to dine with any of us; Mrs. Channon was not well enough to have the children around, so Miss Foss and I dined alone with the little ones. We had turkey, of course—out of a tin can. Next time a chicken is killed I am going to save the bones, and when we have turkey again, I shall tie the meat on the chicken bones and reconstruct the fowl. Miss Foss suggests we might not get the meat on in the right places, but I say that does not matter; it is only a very practical illustration of transmigration of body instead of soul.

Christmas evening we read and talked of the home friends, and wondered where they all were, and what they were doing—as I suppose they were thinking of us.

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JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MRS. JOSEPH COOK.

TOKYO, Oct. 6, 1895.

DEAR LIFE AND LIGHT: So many of your readers are interested in the members of the deputation who have come to Japan in behalf of the missions of the American Board, that news from one who was so fortunate as to be in their company may be welcome.

The one infelicity of an ideal voyage across the Pacific was the fact that we were not allowed to land at Honolulu, on account of the cholera there. The only view we had of the chief city of the young republic at the crossroads of the Pacific was that obtained through powerful glasses on the "Coptic," while we paused some distance from the shore, for twenty hours. After gazing on shoreless horizons it was a joy to look once more on mountain outlines and green, sunny hillsides, on semi-tropical growths of palm and banana trees, and on the habitations of men.

But it was a keen regret that we could not meet and greet the representatives of the Woman's Board of the Hawaiian Islands, after our delightful social intercourse with the leaders of the Woman's Board of the Pacific. However, Mrs. Hyde sent us letters and reports of their organization, and

regretted that flowers and fruit were tabooed. And so with a look into the land where we had hoped to spend twenty-four hours, we sailed away to Japan with many serious thoughts, spoken and unspoken, of the pestilence that might retard our journeyings when we reached that country.

Smooth seas, sunny skies, glorious sunsets, the waxing moon, which we watched from a slender crescent past the first quarter, cumuli clouds of great beauty skirting the horizons of the vast amphitheater, white sea gulls, the stormy petrel, flying fish—these were the chief external features of our sixteen days on the Pacific.

We reached Yokohama a day in advance of schedule time. Dropping anchor before the day dawned, September 30th, we were on deck in time to greet the morning star. As the sun rose out of the sea, a wide-winged bird flew across the red disc, as is often represented in Japanese art, and we felt sure we had reached the Sunrise Kingdom. I was so fortunate as to have a brief interview with Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, who has been spending some weeks in the mountains of Japan in search of health. She was to sail that afternoon on the "Empress of China" for Korea, with the hope of returning to Japan next spring. When I congratulated her on the wide circulation of her leaflet, "Heathen Claims and Christian Duty," she told me that it had been translated into seven languages. The thought of doing some good in this way seemed to comfort her even in the depressing prospect of having her usefulness restricted by physical limitations. A pleasant and somewhat unique experience on the very first day of our arrival in Japan, was a reception given to the deputation by some of the members of Mr. Hori's church in Yokohama. It was a hastily summoned parlor meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. D. C. Greene, of Tokyo, escorted those of us who rode in jinrikishas, while Mr. Cary came with some of the gentlemen who preferred to walk, and we threaded our way through narrow lanes and crowded streets to this home of one of the members of the Yokohama church. Removing our shoes at the outer entrance, we ascended steep, smooth, and narrow stairs to the upper room, where men and women were seated, in Japanese fashion, on cushions. How big and brusque we must have seemed to this dainty, polite little people who received us with prostrations, while in return we could only make profound bows, which, in America, would have been laughed at as absurd exaggerations, while here they were not at all equal to the situation. And then, instead of stopping at the threshold, and slowly yielding to their entreaties that we take a more honorable place, we went immediately to the highest seats in the synagogue, I, for one, knowing that it would be physically impossible for me to crawl to prominence on all fours or by imperceptible hitchings; for where I

dropped on my knees there I must remain! But Dr. Greene did the manners of the party, and Dr. Barton, from his training in Turkey, was a credit to the deputation, and I doubt not the Christian charity of our gentle entertainers pardoned our apparent rudeness.

It was sweet to hear "Ortonville," and "A Charge to Keep I Have," sung by these Japanese Christians. The fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel was read, prayer was offered, and then Mr. Funamoto, who is connected with Vantine's house in New York City, read a greeting in excellent English to the brethren from America, Dr. Barton responding and Mr. Cary interpreting. After the closing prayer, by Dr. Johnson, refreshments were served. These consisted of cake, with highly colored and curiously shaped candies, placed on the floor in front of each guest on a generous square of white paper, indicating that what we did not eat could be carried away with us. Pale-colored tea of delicious flavor we found very acceptable after the bitter decoctions of the steamer. While we were partaking of our repast, the wife of Mr. Hori, the pastor, and another lady played on the thirteen-stringed koto, and sang their weird Japanese music. The grandmother of Mr. Funamoto, who was baptized with her grandson nineteen years ago, was treated with special honor. I am impressed, even on this second visit to Japan, with the expression of sweetness, dignity, and noble spirit which one sees in the faces of the aged women of this country. It cannot be due entirely to Christianity, for I meet such faces every day on the crowded streets of Tokyo. Probably the discipline of self-repression and self-sacrificing service for husband and children molds the countenance into this look of patient serenity and sweetness which I find very attractive.

When we came to go, some of the ladies shook hands with us in deference to our Western fashions, but it seemed more in keeping with their environment to have them bow and utter their soft-toned "Sayonaras."

As we rode away in our jinrikishas, gay with bright-colored lanterns, the full moon was shedding its soft radiance on the party of Christian men and women gathered on the upper veranda to see us depart, and again they bowed low in response to our waving adieux. All over Japan these Christian homes are multiplying, and more and more as the women receive a Christian education will such homes become possible.

It seems to me a privilege that we American women do not half appreciate and an opportunity that we do not sufficiently value, that we can help our sisters of the Orient to the position that surely awaits them. I write from Dr. Greene's delightful home in Tokyo, where I have been refreshed in mind and body. To-morrow we start for Maebashi and Sendai, where Miss Parmelee and Miss Bradshaw will greet us.

G. H. Cook.



## A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE.

BY MRS. SADIE SMITH GARLAND.

### PART II.

You can imagine how anxiously we on the ship awaited the return of the boat, and how our hearts sank when we heard that Teria was lost—for so it seemed to us then.

All the next day there was an unwonted quiet on board. As Miss Hoppin said when she returned in the afternoon, it seemed as though there had been a death among us; there was no happy play or laughter on deck; the girls and boys moved about in a strangely quiet, subdued way. A little at a time Jessie told us of what had occurred on shore.

Before the girls went to bed Jessie told them something of what she felt about it all,—that Teria must pass through a fiery ordeal of temptation and trial if she remained at Nononti; that perhaps she would fall, but that she felt sure that she was one of Christ's little ones, and as one in whom the eternal life had already begun she could not be lost. If ever earnest prayers went up to the throne of God it was that night, in behalf of Teria. It was terrible to think of her in the midst of that angry crew of pagan men, after she had been so cared for and watched over in the school home,—alone! Ah, then we remembered as we spoke, “yet not alone.” And so we all turned to her Friend and ours to ask for protection and help—even that she might be brought back to us.

At prayers in the cabin the captain read the thirtieth Psalm—“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” . . . “Thou hast



turned for me my mourning," etc. He said before we went to bed that he felt, somehow, that Teria would come back. I am afraid my faith was less assured than his, but I felt that she was in God's hands, and he could restore her to us if he thought best.

At about 2 A. M. I was suddenly awakened by voices and the splashing of a canoe or boat approaching the ship. My first feeling was one of impatience that Dorothy must be disturbed, and then it was so unusual that I waked the captain, and he went out to investigate. In two or three minutes he came bursting in, his face all alight—"Teria has come!" My first thought was, "Our prayers are answered!" and yet it seemed almost impossible to believe the glad news until I should have had the witness of my eyes. The captain had recognized the voices in the canoe before it reached the ship, and had gone to call the happy tidings down into the cabin before returning to me.

I was not long in handing over my little maiden and her bottle to her papa, and going to the cabin. Yes, there was our Teria, wet, and hungry, and weary, surrounded by the teachers and the excited girls, while Abana, who had staid ashore with Tebona's family, sat near with a radiant face. The girl had made her escape in the night, and had run and walked the five miles from the Catholic village to the mission station, faint and hungry, for she had taken no food since leaving the ship. Abana, awake, heard some one moving about the house, and called to ask who it was. You can imagine her joy when answered by Teria, who begged her to rouse some of the boys who were on shore there, and get a canoe to take her out to the ship.

Two of Mr. Channon's boys quickly found a canoe, which was borrowed without ceremony. It was small and leaky, and the waves were running high, but that did not matter; it was a means of salvation, and they paddled with a will the four miles to the ship, with the dread of pursuit to urge them on. It was a dark night, and what if they should miss the ship? Once they thought they heard a boat or canoe, and Teria was put down in the bottom of the leaky little craft, while "a hundred-and-fifty pound Abana" sat on her! Once safely on board, Teria was quite ready to resign herself to the hands of her friends, who, when the happy tumult of laughter and tears had a little subsided, stripped off her torn, wet clothing, gave her some food and put her to bed. But the girls were not easily quieted. It all seemed little short of a miracle to them, and they eagerly talked it over. They realized that it was an answer to united prayer for Teria; "but how," asked one, "did it come? Did an angel come to lead her?" Teria, who had been lying with closed eyes, resting in blissful sense of security, unheeding the girls' clamor, hereupon sat up, and opening her eyes wide said very

earnestly, "Yes; I prayed to God to lead me out, as he led Paul and Silas out of prison, and he did." When Jessie asked how she did it, she said, "I just got up and came." But she was too tired out to talk much, and a thundering rap on the side of the second engineer's room had reminded the rejoicing company that they were not the only inmates of the cabin; so after the girls had been led in a prayer of thanksgiving by Raete, Teria's especial friend, they were sent back to bed. But I doubt if there was much sleeping done, for some of us, at least; for gladness sometimes steals one's rest as effectually as sorrow.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning!" I think we all remembered that, and much more of that Psalm.

Sunday dawned clear and beautiful. I peeped into Jessie's room early, to see our Teria still sleeping in the berth, with Raete a self-appointed sentinel beside her. She begged to sit there because she could not bear to take her eyes from her! The whole company went ashore at the mission station (Tebona's) to service in the forenoon, to be gone all day, leaving Teria, Raete, and Miriam and a few of the sick children in my care.

After Teria awaked, much refreshed from her long sleep, she told me something of her experience on shore, and then we got to talking it over. Miriam, a good, thoughtful girl, exclaimed fervently: "What a wonderful thing prayer is! I shall never be afraid to ask for anything again!" In the afternoon we had a little prayer meeting together in the wheelhouse.

On Monday, the 24th, we sailed from Nononti, and it was not until the ship began to steam away from anchorage that Teria's quiet gave way. She sank down on the deck with her head on "Mother Hoppin's" lap, and found relief from the tension of suspense and dread in tears. In a few days she was quite herself again, and such a happy, thankful girl!

But I must tell you briefly a little of her experience while on shore. When Teria was carried off, Miss Hoppin and the girls with her cried, and the girls' heathen relatives laughed over it among themselves, mimicking them in a most mocking way. Then Teria broke away from them and ran back to the place whence they had carried her, hoping to find her friends again; but when she reached the house they were gone, and she, utterly disheartened, sank down upon the mat where she had sat before, crying aloud. In great excitement some of the heathen crowd cried out, "See! this is where her friends sat and cried, and that is what makes her cry now! Pull up the mat and burn it; then she will stop! Burn the mat! Burn the mat!"

From hiding in the bush they took her to the Catholic village, and once safely there the father sent for the priest, a white man. He heard the story,

then turning to Teria, asked if she could read and write. She answered that she could, and the priest said that that ought not to be—it was very wrong; and he charged her father not to let her have pencil and paper, lest she should write to the Morning Star. He said, also, that should they see the boat coming from the ship to her assistance, they should bring her at once to his house, and he would see that she should be hidden. He then told Teria that some new mothers (Catholic sisters) were coming to open a school for girls; would she not like to go to live with them? She answered “No;” whereupon the priest turned to her father and asked what he intended to do if she refused to obey him after the Star was gone. Her father, who was evidently beginning to feel that her determination was more than skin-deep, answered, “I shall do as she says!”

The priest saw Teria more than once. He offered her tobacco, which cannot usually be resisted by a native woman, and when she refused it, took her hand and tried to force her to take it. Old women brought a fringe, and tried to make her substitute it for her clothes; they tried to make her smoke a pipe; they brought her food and drink, but she left it untouched. Indeed, she ate nothing until she was again safely on board ship. Through the daytime they kept her most of the time back in the bush, while in the night she was again brought back to the Catholic village. But her one thought was how she might escape from her jailors, and make her way back to the Morning Star. She knew she was powerless to help herself and so she committed herself, in simple faith to the care and guidance of the only One who could help her.

The Gilbert people (those, at least, who can afford it) sleep under a *bana*, or mosquito net, which is hung over a large mat spread upon the floor, one *bana* often sheltering four or five. Under such a *bana* Teria lay the first night, while the house was full of those whose only thought was to watch against her possible escape. She says that when she lay down she prayed that she might be delivered and led back to her friends, and that if it should be right for her to go that night she might be wakened at the right time before day. She then went quietly to sleep, and when she opened her eyes it was broad daylight; “So,” she said, “I knew the time had not come for me to go.”

At night she was again brought to the same house, and many people stayed. When she awoke she could not tell the hour, for it was a very dark night. The lamp, however, was still burning, and her father had not relaxed his vigilance enough to sleep; but her senses were all on the alert, and he did not see her as she carefully and gradually drew herself out from beneath the netting, which was of a coarse, thin cloth. As soon as she was actually

outside the net she sat still a moment, and prayed that God would show her the way as he led Paul and Silas out of prison; then she simply rose and left the house (and for once an open-sided house proved a blessing), turning her face toward Tebona's village. You know the rest. Was not the Lord her Helper, her Deliverance? As we heard her story, we thought it more like that of Peter than of Paul.

And now how we shall watch to see what the Lord has for Teria to do! One experience such as this is a rebuke to the great feeling of discouragement that sometimes sweeps over one in thinking of all the hindrances and obstacles to the work. It is worth all one's work, and more, to have been able to help one such girl on her way to heaven.

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### FOR CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.—PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

BY MRS. JAMES L. HILL.

HERE is an uncommon opportunity for causing the boys and girls to see that giving is an obvious way of showing that Christians are sincere. If our religion does not in some measure check our selfishness, it cannot be said to have much force with us.

The application of this matter of Proportionate Giving is to the pennies of boys and girls. If they have many they should give accordingly, and if they have few they should still give something. The leaders of the Mission Circles should encourage all the children to go into partnership with a mite box. A minister on his way to a missionary meeting overtook a boy and asked him where he was going. "Oh!" he said, "I'm going to the meeting to hear about the missionaries." "Missionaries!" said the minister. "What do you know about missionaries?" "Why," said the boy, "I'm part of the concern. I've got a missionary box, and I always go to the missionary meeting. I belong." For the sake of having something scenic in the meeting, let the pretty song, "Send the Light," be sung by some little soloist bearing in her hand a lighted candle, which she holds aloft and waves each time that in the chorus she uses the words, "Send the Light." The time of the year will suggest that what we do must be soon done. When money was being raised for spreading the gospel, a negro with a wooden leg came forward, and pulling from one pocket some silver, said, "That's for me, massa;" and some silver from another pocket, "That's for my wife, massa;" and still more, saying, "That's for my child, massa." "Are you not giving too much?" "Oh no!" he said, "God's work must be done, massa, and I may be dead. As I have no promise of to-morrow, I must do my full duty to-day."

## Our Work at Home.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

BY ALICE M. KYLE.

OVER the opening gateway of our twenty-ninth year we have inscribed the motto, "Be of good courage."

Bright skies, sunshine almost summer-like, gave Park Street Church gay with nodding chrysanthemums, warmest welcome "home to Boston" the two hundred and forty-one delegates to our first "real annual meeting in November" found as the cheery setting of the picture of our completed year of work.

The reports of the Branches as given at the business meeting, Tuesday, November 5th, showed a persistency of purpose and a steadiness of growth which are very hopeful, and the topics presented, relating to the pledged work of the Board and the value of the Bureau of Exchange, were discussed with a vigor and thoughtfulness which promise gratifying results in increased faithfulness and effort in the near future.

Another element of joyfulness was the presence among us of our President, Mrs. Judson Smith, after her long absence because of illness.

Wednesday morning, at ten o'clock, after a "sweet hour of prayer" in the vestry, led by Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of the Maine Branch, the public meeting opened with the singing of the Doxology, Mrs. Smith presiding.

After the reading by the President of Isaiah xliii., God's guidance and blessing were invoked by Mrs. Henry Fairbanks, of the Vermont Branch. Mrs. Smith, in greeting the delegates, spoke of this year as one memorable at home and abroad. But in spite of the commotion among the nations, we have much to encourage us in the growth of the work. This was further emphasized in the report presented by Miss E. Harriet Stanwood, who in a masterly manner marshaled before us the forces of the Home Department. Those who fail to read carefully this report will miss a rare chapter in the history of our work at home.

All eyes have been turned with more than common interest to the treasury, during this short financial year of nine months and a half. Once more willing-hearted women have brought their offerings, and Miss Ellen Carruth,

Treasurer, was able to report the receipts from January 1st to October 13th, as follows:—

Contributions . . . . .	\$91,618 85
Legacies . . . . .	15,528 69
Total . . . . .	\$107,147 54

or \$19,720.57 less than the sum received during the twelve months of 1894. But if faith and works go hand in hand, we may confidently expect that much of this deficit will be received during the next two months.

A delightful surprise came to us at this point in the shape of a cablegram from our beloved Home Secretary, who arrived at Bombay, November 4th. The simple words, "Best greetings," when interpreted by the code word, proved to contain this message: "Delightful voyage. Very well. Cordial reception at Bombay. Rom. i. 7, 8, 10, and first clause 11. Greetings from all the Board workers in Bombay." It was voted to send to Miss Child in reply the brief but all comprehending message, "Woman's Board Love." May she read between the letters the prayers and greetings implied!

Two admirable surveys of the foreign work, that for Africa, Micronesia and Ceylon, by Miss Lucy M. Fay, and for European, Eastern, and Central Turkey and the Marathi Mission, by Mrs. E. E. Strong, Corresponding Secretaries, were read during this session; giving a panorama of the changing lives in these lands as they are transformed by the power of the gospel of Christ.

It was pleasant to hear from Miss Susan R. Howland of the boarding school at Oodooville, and of the thirty Christian girls who have this year gone out to carry the gospel influence into many a heathen home. Especially touching was the story of the little prayer meetings where these girls brought but two requests,—that their parents might allow them to attend church, and that they might find something to do for Jesus during the vacation.

Miss Rebecca Krikorian, of Aintab, the daughter of Pastor Krikor, and a former pupil of Aintab Seminary and of the Constantinople Home, gave, in her own personality, a living object lesson of the work for which she so eloquently pleaded,—“My work is a continuation of the work of the missionary ladies.” More than three thousand men and women have come in contact with the pure gospel through this evangelistic and temperance work, inaugurated by the divine impulse of a woman's pity—herself the fruit of missionary work. Through her skill as a trained nurse she has access even to Moslem women, and it is a joy to think that from all our boarding schools we are yearly sending out such young women, to enlighten and bless the dark places of the earth.

Dr. Pauline Root bespoke our generous interest in Dr. Parker, now on her way to Madura to take up the work so reluctantly laid down by our "beloved physician." She who knows so well the difficulties and trials of the work would have us remember with loving prayer the new young worker, upon whom will rest such heavy burdens this coming year.

After a social hour in the pleasant rooms below, the young ladies' session opened at two o'clock. It was a goodly company, and one that augurs well for the future of our work.

Mrs. Pratt, the Recording Secretary, gave the survey of the work in China, Japan, and Spain, bringing these nations from afar very close to us in her vivid pen pictures.

All were deeply interested in the story of Mrs. Gulick's lovely work in San Sebastian, as seen through the eyes of Miss Harriet M. Cutler, of Auburndale, who has been for three years a helper in the International Institute for Girls.

The girls who listened so eagerly must have been able see the "thirty-five little people of the kindergarten, crowding the staircase on their way to the small upper room which they must occupy," as well as the "forty-five bright girls of the boarding school, every one a Christian, who have found in Christ a friend instead of an infant in his mother's arms, or the consecrated host,—the only way in which girls in Spain have known him."

After the report of the work of the "Unconquerable Host" of Juniors, effectively presented by Miss Kate G. Lamson, Secretary for Junior Work, Dr. Louise Russell Smith, recently from Van, Turkey, gave a thrilling account of the relief work there, so ably planned and carried out by our brave young physician, Dr. Grace Kimball. In spite of the bitter disappointment caused by the sealing of her dispensary by the Turkish government, Dr. Kimball, nothing daunted, is administering relief to four hundred families by providing work for them. Two houses have been turned into a factory, and hundreds of suffering ones are being kept from absolute starvation by this wise and merciful ministrations. But the burden of suffering and want still unrelieved rests with crushing weight upon these young shoulders,—and we must remember this work with special prayer.

Mrs. Holbrook, of the Zulu Mission, brought the thanks of weary workers in Zululand for the Rest Home, or Sanitarium, provided by the loving gifts of the young ladies. Her pictures of the girlhood which is found in African kraals brought both smiles and tears, and her earnest appeal to "go forward" met with a quick response from the earnest young faces into which she looked. Then came a bright, helpful paper by Miss Annie Strong, of Auburndale, on the "Possibilities of the Covenant," and

the sweet closing service of renewed consecration to the pledge. Surely with one thousand four hundred "Daughters of the Covenant" already enlisted in their behalf, there is a dawning hope in the darkness of the "daughters of sorrow in heathen lands." But oh! how many, many more must join in this Christly service before the "Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings."

In the evening the ladies of the Old South Church opened their beautiful parlors, and an informal reception was given by the officers of the Woman's Board to visiting delegates and friends. This was a very pleasant feature of the meeting, and was delightful to hostesses and guests alike.

The devotional meeting of Thursday morning, led by Mrs. H. P. Beach, of the Springfield Branch, was a fitting prelude to the services of the closing day.

The forenoon session was devoted, in part, to a consideration of the matter of proportionate giving. Mrs. F. L. Holmes, whose paper bore the captivating title of "A Certainty for an Uncertainty," urged the return of God's people to the "old path of proportionate giving, for it touches God's honor." Joyful testimony was borne at this point to the blessedness of giving a definite proportion of one's income to God, by ladies in the audience who for many years had made it a rule of their faith and practice. Mrs. Capron, in her address, "Limiting Heavenly Gifts," brought home to all hearts the privilege of being permitted to bring our gifts and our prayers to Him whose love for us is limitless, and who will some day reveal to us how these gifts and prayers have been used through the riches of his grace "in ways we have not known."

Mrs. F. B. Pullan, now of Providence, but recently connected with the W. B. M. P., brought us sisterly greetings, and we rejoiced with the W. B. M. I. in the word which came to us, in a letter from Mrs. Moses Smith, of their lifted burden and the bright outlook for their new year.

The survey of the work in Western Turkey, Madura, Spain, and Mexico, ably prepared by Mrs. J. O. Means, Corresponding Secretary, was happily supplemented by Mrs. Florence White James, until recently our missionary in Guadalajara. She said that Mexico, though separated from us only by the Rio Grande, was in some respects more a foreign country than Japan, and needed our interest no less than other mission fields.

We were indebted to Mrs. Ruth B. Baker, formerly president of the Barnstable Branch, for her charming description of a "Week in Smyrna." Her presentation of our dear missionary workers there must serve to make us feel better acquainted with their work in that great metropolis of the East.

Miss Charlotte Thorndike Sibley, of Maine, who has recently visited.



Oriental lands as a member of the Congregationalist party, delighted her audience with her graphic and beautiful "Impressions of Missionary Work."

They will not soon forget the "tan-colored tots" of the Smyrna Kindergarten, nor the "busy little mother," the graduate of our American College for Girls, who has her "own private orphan asylum."

The afternoon session opened with the election of officers, two new names, Mrs. A. H. Johnson of Salem, and Miss E. S. Gilman of Norwich, Conn., appearing upon the list of the board of directors, while Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor, Mrs. S. E. Herrick, and Mrs. E. S. Tead felt obliged to resign their positions. Mrs. Clara S. Palmer, the retiring president of the Springfield Branch, offered prayer for the officers thus chosen.

Dr. Judson Smith, Secretary of the American Board, brought some of the encouragements to be found in foreign missionary service. He instanced the marvelous growth in all departments of the work abroad during the past eleven years. "But, he said, we may not rest upon work already done. Our greatest successes and our brightest days are still in the future. Opportunity is upon us in every land, and we have but to advance to win the world unto our Lord Christ.

Dear Mrs. Howland, after ten more years of loving service in Jaffna, was again with us, bringing a cheery report of what Christianity has done for the women of Ceylon. "We think the time is not far distant when Ceylon, too, will have a Woman's Board. Tamil women know how to give and to pray, to go to other women, and, in the face of opposition and ridicule, win them to Christ."

Miss H. J. Gilson, formerly a teacher in the Huguenot School, Wellington, South Africa, and who hopes soon to join the Gazaland Mission, gave a most interesting sketch of that mission from 1875 to 1895.

Many are familiar with the story of the "hundred and fifty mile walk through grass higher than their heads," with the hardships and privations of this heroic pioneer band of missionaries. We know that they lived in dark little huts with mud floors, and yet no word of murmuring has ever come back to us—only one little sentence, with a world of pathos in it,—"No one who comes after us can ever know how happy we are to have one window in our house." Yet, in facing this work, Miss Gilson, who knows so well whereof she speaks, could think of only two trials worth mentioning. One, that some of the girls whom she hopes to teach in the new school in Gazaland may, in spite of all her love and care, turn back to heathenism, and the other, that there may be a lack of means to carry forward the work in this youngest mission of the American Board. But with faithfulness on the part of those who stay at home, this severest of all missionary trials will not be suffered to come.

Our President, in closing, recalled the many encouragements which have come to us during this meeting, and with singing the Missionary Hymn, the twenty-eighth annual meeting closed.

An invitation from the New Hampshire Branch to hold the next meeting with them was accepted, and the place of meeting will be announced in due time. So from the "mount of vision" we go with renewed courage to take up the work again,—

" We go to speak the word, to sing the song,  
To tell love's story, all for Thy dear sake—  
Help us, O Master, all the way along  
To follow in the path which Thou didst take."

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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

*Townsend Harris, First American Envoy in Japan.* By William Elliot Griffis. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York. Pp. 345. Price \$2.00.

An expedition to Japan organized and commanded by Commodore Perry, in 1853, resulted in securing a treaty which promised protection to American sailors in Japan waters. This, however, was but initial to the opening of Japan ports for the entrance of commerce and Western civilization. The real work which at last brought about the desired end was that carried on quietly, perseveringly, by Townsend Harris, through the years 1856-61. This work has been scarcely understood by Americans, still less by the English, although when their own Lord Elgin with mighty squadron sailed into Japanese ports a little later, he found the way paved, the nation prepared, because of the treaty already negotiated by Mr. Harris. Upon this treaty were based all others formed with many nations.

About four years ago the journal of Mr. Harris, contained in five small volumes, and his private letters, were given by the editor, Dr. Griffis, to the author's niece for publication; and thus the accurate, straightforward tale of those years comes to the reading world. The detailed account of everyday experiences in negotiating with the childish Japanese of those days, is exceedingly interesting. With most commendable faithfulness and perseverance Mr. Harris devoted himself to the one end for which the United States Government had sent him, though, in the pursuance of his object, he became isolated from the world, suffered the loss of health, and incurred opposition which once, at least, threatened his life. One marvels in reading the recital at the tact, and sagacity, and patience with which this one man met all questions of the Japanese government officers. He explained carefully principles quite new and surprising to a nation just awakening, though.

well known to the great nations; penetrated their sham excuses and labyrinths of falsehood; argued, expostulated, entreated, day after day, month after month, and withal gained respect, confidence, and love, so that the Japanese could call him their friend. Mr. Harris seems, indeed, to have been just the one whom a kind Providence might appoint to take by the hand a child, ignorant and foolish in many ways, yet ready for truth when it should be explained, and lead it out into light. We may be thankful that our Christian America was represented in its first envoy to Japan by a wise, honorable, Christian man. From him an impression was received of our country and religion such as to commend them to respect and admiration. It is noticeable in this journal that Mr. Harris firmly refuses, from the first day to the last, to receive any calls or conduct the least business upon the Sabbath day.

*Great Missionaries of the Church.* By Rev. C. C. Creegan, D.D., and Mrs. Josephine A. B. Goodnow. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., Boston and New York. Pp. 404.

The biographies of twenty-three eminent heroes of sixteen mission lands are presented in this volume, the whole dedicated to young people and introduced by Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D. Several of these lives have appeared in the *Congregationalist*, and to those who read them will prove a recommendation of the whole series. Between the sketches which appear in encyclopedias and the longer histories of great men, some intermediate biography fits well. The young as well as the older more often read such. We would like to commend these well-written, interesting biographies to all our readers, especially our "Juniors," in the belief that they will give both pleasure and stimulus to lives which have noble ends already set before them. The book is an excellent one for Sunday-school libraries.

*The Missionary Mosaic, No. 2.* A Collection of Exercises for Missionary Societies and Children's Bands. Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md. Price 25 cents.

After looking through the dialogues and recitations of this booklet, we are glad to commend it to those concerned in bright meetings for young people.

#### SIDE LIGHTS FROM PERIODICALS.

Japan, China, and Turkey are still the countries which claim the attention of contributors to our late reviews. Their articles are such as, on the whole, require close reading, but will thus yield important information. In connection with "Townsend Harris" might be read with advantage the two following:—

*Contemporary Review*, October. "The Japanese Constitutional Crisis."

*Atlantic Monthly*, October. "The Genius of Japanese Civilization."

*Fortnightly Review*, September. "The Awakening of China."

*Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine*, October. "An Unbiased View of the Armenian Question," by Walter Harris.

The *Current Opinion* in the *Chautauquan*, October, gathers facts and opinions concerning the massacre of missionaries in China.

The *Independents* of October 17th and 24th will give valuable reports, facts, and interesting items from the American Board Meeting. The *Congregationalist*, *Advance*, *Outlook*, and other religious papers contain similar reports, and in these are many points useful to work into a programme, not elsewhere found.

M. L. D.

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## TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

1896.

*February*.—Kyoto, Japan. Its Temples; the Doshisha; the Mission Works.

*March*.—Kobe, Japan. The City; the Girls' College; the Evangelistic Work.

*April*.—Bombay, India. Architecturally; Educationally; Politically (the English Rule).

### TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

Proportionate Giving.

*Pledge*.—"I promise that for the year ending . . . . I will set apart a fixed proportion of my income for religious and benevolent purposes. Of this sum I will give a definite sum for the work of the Woman's Board of Missions."

### PROGRAMME.

1. Singing. Suggested hymns: "We give Thee but Thine own;" "O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea;" "Is thy cruise of comfort failing?" "Lord, lead the way the Saviour went."

2. Bible Reading. Old Testament examples of giving; New Testament examples of giving; Our individual responsibility; Our partnership with God; Bible teaching on giving. See *Mission Studies*, June, 1892 (W. B. M. I., 59 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.).

3. Prayer.

4. Paper on the Pledge.

5. Readings. For selections on subject, see LIFE AND LIGHT, August, 1894, and January, 1896; *Mission Studies*, August, 1894; Leaflets, "What We Owe and How to Pay It" (free), "Tenfold Blessing of the Tenth" (free), "My Little Box" (free), "Christian Stewardship" (price 3 cents), "A Lesson in Proportion" (price 2 cents), "One Woman's Experience in Tithing" (price 2 cents), "Lesson Leaflet for January" (free), "Pledge Cards" (free).

6. Prayer.

7. Singing.

Leaflets and Pledge Cards may be obtained by addressing Miss Ada R. Hartshorn, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

*Receipts from September 18 to October 18, 1895.*

MISS ELLEN CARRUTH, Treasurer.

### MAINE.

*Maine Branch.*—Mrs. Cullen C. Chapman, Treas. Gorham, Aux., const. L. M. Miss Fannie H. Way, 25; Limerick, Cong. Ch., 11; Calais, Aux., 27.73; Bangor, Aux., 34.60; Buxton, Mrs. Gates, 5; Machias, Aux., 22.85; Auburn, High St. Ch., Y. L. M. B., 30; Hancock Co. Conf., 3, Summer Visitor, 50 cts.; New Gloucester, Aux., 23.50; Gorham, Aux. (of wh. 25 Thank. Off.), 44; South Norridgewock, A Friend, in memory of Miss Ellen Emmons Tappan, 5; Rockland, S. C. E., 25; Litchfield, Jun. S. C. E., 2,

259 18

Total, 259 18

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*New Hampshire Branch.*—Miss A. E. McIntire, Treas. Acworth, Aux., 7.50; Bedford, Aux., 3.90; Claremont, S. C. E., 10; Durham, Young Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, 10.60; Francess town, Aux., 25; Franklin, Aux., 15; Jaffrey, Lilies of the Field, 15; Kensington, Aux., 11.80; Kingston, Aux., 9; Piermont, Homeland Circle, 5; Rochester, Aux., 30; Young Ladies' Soc'y, 5; Tilton, Aux., 11.50; Wolfboro, Aux., 6.10,

165 40

Total, 165 40

### LEGACY.

*Keene, N. H.*—Part of legacy of Emily Robinson,

93 18

### VERMONT.

*Groton.*—Mrs. A. S. Taft, 2 00  
*Hardwick.*—Christian Endeavor Cong. Church, 3 25  
*Vermont Branch.*—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Brattleboro, West, Aux., 4; Cambridgeport, Aux., 1.50; Dorset, East, Aux., 4; Greensboro, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Irene Crane,

2 00

3 25

2; S. C. E., 4; Waitsfield, Aux., 2; Salisbury, S. C. E., 5,

22 50

Total, 27 75

### MASSACHUSETTS.

*Andover and Woburn Branch.*—Mrs. C. E. Swett, Treas. Winchester, Aux. (of wh. 96.91 Thank-Off., and 25 by Mrs. J. Herrick to const. L. M. Mrs. M. G. Taylor), 132 16, Open Door (of wh. 30 cts Thank-Off.), 10.30; Lexington, Jun. Aux., 21.61; Lawrence, Lawrence St. Ch., Aux., 3.28; Medford, Aux., 111; Lowell, Pawtucket Ch., Aux., 34 22; Reading, Y. P. M. B. (of wh. 100 in memory of Miss Ruth L. Pratt, and 50 to const. L. M's, Mrs. Ella W. Hoffman, Mrs. A. Frances Parker), 245; Chelmsford, Aux., 20; Winchester, Jun. Seek and Save, 40, Sen. Seek and Save, 40, Aux. (of wh. 17 Thank-Off.), 20; Lowell, Kirk St. Ch., Aux., 53, Highland Ch., Aux., 10; Dracut Centre, Aux., 20; Woburn, Woburn Workers, 70, Aux., 114; Melrose Highlands, Aux., 30; Stoneham, Aux. (of wh. 50 const. L. M's Mrs. Annie E. Tenney, Miss Almira F. Cass), 67; Andover, Union Aux., 304.40; Methuen, Aux., 11.75; Malden, Aux. (of wh. 60 in memory of Rev. T. C. Pease), 155; Lexington, from M. E. H., 10; Lowell, A Friend, 100; Medford, Aux., 20; Burlington, Aux., 16; Bedford, Aux., 63 45; Reading, Aux., 30; Wakefield, Aux., 20, 1,772 17  
*Barnstable Co. Branch.*—Miss Amelia Snow, Treas. North Falmouth, 20; Waquoit, Aux., 8; Orleans Mite Boxes, 4; Falmouth, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Louise Washburn), 38; Wellfleet, Aux., 5; South Dennis, Aux., 40; Truro, Aux., 4; North Falmouth, Annual Meeting Thank-Off., 52 89,  
*Berkshire Branch.*—Mrs. C. E. West, Treas. Adams, Aux., 14.30; Canaan

171 89

- Four Corners, Fetna Circle, 20; Pittsfield, First Ch. S. S., 15; Dalton, Mrs. Z. M. Crane, 150, 199 30
- Essex North Branch.*—Mrs. Wallace L. Kimball, Treas. Haverhill Centre Ch., Miss Dwinell's S. S. Class, 2, Union Ch., Primary Dept. S. S., 54 ets.; Newburyport, Belleville Aux., 50; Bradford, Aux., 71.50; Newburyport, Aux., 62; Ipswich, Aux., 25, 211 04
- Essex South Branch.*—Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., Ivy Leaves, M. C., 70, Cradle Roll, 15.35, Washington St. Ch., Aux., 50, Y. L. Aux., 40, Silver Keys, 10, M. C. and Traveler's Club, 8.80; Boxford, Aux., 25; Danvers, Aux. (of wh. 100 const. L. M.'s Mrs. Do-a-W. Trask, Mrs. Clara Dubois, Miss Bertha F. Perkins, Miss Mary F. Perry), 109; S. C. E. 15; Gloucester, Aux., 74.09; Lynn, Central Ch., Aux., 28, Chestnut St. Ch., Aux., 15, Little Light Bearers, M. C., 15, First Ch., Aux., 35, North Ch., Aux., 25; Lynnfield South, Aux., 4.25; Manchester, Aux., 40; Jun. S. C. E., 10; Marblehead, Aux., 10; Middleton, Aux., 20, Willing Workers, 7; Peabody, South Ch., Aux. (of wh. 75 const. L. M.'s Miss Clara P. Jacobs, Mrs. Mary M. King, Mrs. Mary K. Moore), 334.23, Jun. S. C. E., 7.19; Salem, Tabernacle Ch., Jun. S. C. E., 5.25, Cradle Roll, 12.23, Primary Department S. S., 15, Korkoo, M. C., 15, South Ch., Streams in the South, M. C., 10; Saugus, Willing Workers M. C., 17; Swampscott, Aux. (const. L. M.'s, Mrs. Susan K. Story, Mrs. Hattie S. Butcher), 40.50, M. C., 6.50; Topsfield, Aux., 30; Beverly, Dane St. Ch., S. C. E., 10; Salem 1, T. U.'s, 7, 1,136 39
- Everett.*—Mystic Side Cong. Ch., Ladies' Aid Soc'y, 10 00
- Franklin Co. Branch.*—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Conway, Aux., 29.25; Greenfield, Aux., 4.01; Orange, Aux., 55.33, Merry Workers, 11.37, Boys' M. C. 11.20; Shelburne, Aux., 5.03; Sunderland, Aux., 34, 150 24
- Hampshire Co. Branch.*—Miss H. J. Kneeland, Treas. Amherst, Aux., 86; Second Ch., Aux., 11; Belchertown, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. C. B. Southwick), 43; Cummington, Aux., 2; Enfield, Aux., 25; Easthampton, Aux., 169.98, Emily M. C., 30; Hatfield, Aux., 34.87; Huntington Hill, Aux., 5; Southhampton, Aux., 34; Worthington, Aux., 22; Amherst, S. C. E., 20; South Hadley, Miss Judd's S. S. Class, 21.36, 504 21
- Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Dover, Aux., 7; Framingham, Aux., Thank-Off., 6.75; Schneider Band, 25; South Framingham, Aux., 44.70; Lincoln, Cheerful Givers, 55; Marlboro, Jun. Endeavor, 10; Milford, Aux., 12.15; Natick, S. C. E., 10; South Natick, Anne Eliot Soc'y, 10; Northboro, Aux., 16; Saxonville, Aux., 26; Sudbury, Aux., 21; Wellesley, Aux., 1.50, Wellesley College Christian Association, 169.82, 414 92
- Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.*—Miss Sarah B. Tirrell, Treas. Bridgewater, Aux., 37.26; Cohasset, Aux., 41; Easton, Aux., 25; Halifax, Aux., 8.80; Hingham, Aux., 23.75; Kingston, Aux., 6.25; Milton, Aux., 10; Quincy, Aux., 25; East Weymouth, Aux., 40; South Weymouth, Old South Aux., 63; Whitman, Aux., 10; Hanson, Aux., 12; Holbrook, Aux., Thank Off., 42, 347 06
- North Middlesex Branch.*—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, Treas. Dunstable, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. B. H. Weston), 28; Aeton, Aux., 12.50; Concord, Aux., 32.30, S. S. Miss'y Ass'n, 40, S. C. E., 10; Westford, Aux., 13.78, S. C. E., 10; Harvard, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Emily R. Torrey), 39.50; Littleton, Aux., 23.24, 209 32
- Old Colony Branch.*—Miss F. J. Runnels, Treas. Marion, Aux., 12.75; Somerset, Aux., 20; Whatsoever Circle, 15; Fall River, Willing Helpers, 105; South Attleboro Aux., 19; Lakeville Preenct, Aux., 21; East Taunton, Aux., 25; New Bedford, Aux., 210; Edgartown, Aux., 20; S. C. E., 5; Mission Band, 5; Taunton, Aux., 164.15; Winslow, S. C. E., 15, Winslow Juniors, 7, Winslow Cradle Roll, 3; Rochester, Aux., 45.30; Attleboro, Aux., 163.50; North Dighton, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Marion Josephine Sears), 66.89; South Attleboro, Bethany Chapel, S. S., 10.50; Somerset, S. C. E., 10; Middleboro, Aux., 98.21; Henrietta Band, 15; Rehoboth, Mizpah Circle, 15, 1,071 30
- Springfield Branch.*—Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas., Feeding Hills, Aux., 20; Hampden, Aux., 12; Indian Orchard, Willing Helpers, 1.36; East Longmeadow, Aux., 26; Ludlow Centre, Precious Pearls, 8; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 39.19, Jun. Aux., 100, S. C. E., 5, Memorial Ch., Aux., 135 05, Lend a Hand Soc'y, 40, Olivet Ch., Olive Branch, 10, South Ch., Aux., 50, Free Will Offering, 66.88, Jun. Aux., 16, 523 48
- Suffolk Branch.*—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. Thank Offering from a Friend, 500; C. B. M., 50; Allston, Aux., 143, Primary Dept. Cong. S. S., 10; Arlington, Y. L. Aux., 10; Auburndale, Aux., 59.26; Boston, Friends, 2.65, Thank-Off., 2, Berkeley Temple, Aux., 15.50, Central Ch., Aux., 350.75, Hope Chapel S. S., 25, Park St. Ch., Aux., 15.75, Shawmut Ch., Y. L. Aux., const. L. M.'s Mrs. Mary M. Beale, Miss Fannie L. Darrow, Miss Mabel Houghton, Miss Isabella M. Hurlbert, Miss Carrie A. Allen, Miss Myrtie B. Foster), 150, Union Ch., Y. L. Aux., 90; Brighton, Aux. (of wh. 100 a Thank Off. from Mrs. Keene, Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Spaulding), 118.91; Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux., 28; Cambridge, North Ave. Ch., Aux., 155, Shepard Memorial Ch., Aux., 29, First Ch., Captains of Ten, 5; Charlestown, Winthrop Ch., Aux., 95; Chelsea, First Ch., Aux., 70; Dedham, Aux., 140; Dorchester, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 27.16, Second Ch., Aux., 122.75, Harvard Ch., Woman's Benevolent Soc'y, 16; East Boston, Madura Aux., 41.10; Hyde Park, Aux., 111.83; Needham, Aux., 25; Newton, Y. L. Aux., 124.50; Eliot Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 by Mrs. Andrew B. Cobb to const. self L. M., 25 by Mrs. N. P. Coburn to const. self L. M., 75

from a Friend to const. L. M.'s Miss M. F. Spear, Miss Abbie Spear, Miss Grace Weston), 522, Cradle Roll, 50.52; Newton Centre, Aux., 80.80; Newtonville, Y. L. Soc'y, 37; Roslindale, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Ellen Howland), 41; Roxbury, Elliot Ch., Aux., 117; S. C. E., 21.71; Immanuel Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary J. Weston), 44.80; Somerville, Prospect Hill, Aux., 53.83; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., 161; Y. L. M. Soc'y, 15; Walpole, Aux., 55; Waltham, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary A. Andrews), 104.72; Watertown, Phillips Ch., Aux., 73.20; West Newton, Aux., 25; West Roxbury, Aux., 12; Wellesley Hills, Aux., 24.79, 3,972 08

*Worcester Co. Branch.*—Mrs. E. A. Sumner, Treas. Ashburnham, Aux., 17; Athol, Aux., const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. B. Tower, Mrs. Lucinda Bassett, Miss Carrie L. Wood, Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, 100.30, Clinton, Aux., 52.40, Primary S. S., 10, Jun. S. C. E., 10; Charleton, Aux., 8; Fitchburg, C. C. Ch., Aux., 84.50, Rollstone Ch., Aux., 37.75; Grafton, Aux., 60.75, Extra Pledge Band, 40.85; Holden, Aux., 25; Leominster, Aux., 50; Lancaster, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Julia C. Griggs, 25 from M. in memoriam Miss Mary E. Haynes), 62; Leicester, Aux., (of wh. 50 const. L. M.'s Mrs. Drucilla A. Reid, Mrs. Lary S. Watson, 134.57, S. C. E., 31.50, Jun. S. C. E. 10; Millbury First Ch., Aux. (of wh. 75 const. L. M.'s Mrs. George Mee, Mrs. Robert Mott, Miss Mary Shaw), 80.90; Mrs. O. H. Waters' S. S. Class, 4.20, Second Ch., Aux., 18; Northbridge Centre, Aux. 52, Lamp-lighters, 6; North Brookfield, Aux. (prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. A. J. Dyer), 11, Thank Off., 52.58, Miss Fannie Fairbanks, 3; Paxton, Aux., 22; Princeton, Aux., 75, Mountain Climbers, 28; Rutland, Aux., 8.60; Rockdale, Aux., 24.37; Royalston, Aux., 32.75; Saundersville, Aux., 10; Sutton, Aux., 20; Shrewsbury, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Laura A. Barnes), 32.25; Southbridge, Aux. (of wh. 10.75 Thank Off.), 27.32; Upton, Aux., 28.02; Uxbridge, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Charles A. Taft), 25.50; Ware, S. S. Class, 7; Warren, Aux., 19.04; Westborough, Aux. (of wh. 29.85 Thank Off.), 65.11; Westminster, Aux., 45; Whitinsville, Aux., 1, A Friend, 5; Winchendon, Aux., 82; Webster, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. W. J. Larcher), 50.24; Worcester, Union Ch., Aux., 72.76, Piedmont Ch., Aux., 183.84, Pilgrim Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. D. L. Ballard), 30.08, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 17.29, Hope Ch., Aux., 13, Old South, Little Light Bearers, 18, Park Ch., Aux., 5.33, Extra Cent-a-Day Band, 10.87, Belmont Ch., Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Wm. I. Poe, 10, A Friend, 100, Central Ch., Aux., Ladies, 30; Brookfield, Cong. Ch., 6.30; North Brookfield, A Friend, 15, 2,085 06

Total, 12,778 46

## LEGACY.

*Hopkinton.*—Legacy of Lucy Ann Fitch, 50 00

## RHODE ISLAND.

*Rhode Island Branch.*—Miss Anna T. White, Treas. Kingston, Aux., 47.23; Pawtucket, Park Place, Aux., 67; East Providence and Seekonk, Aux., 57; Saylesville, Mission Helpers, 7.63; Bristol, Aux., 10; Tiverton, Aux., 10.50; Kingston, Cheerful Givers, 21.32; Peace Dale, Aux., 94.12; Pawtucket, Aux. (of wh. 25 by Mrs. McGregor, const. L. M. Mrs. Alexander McGregor, Jr.; by the Aux. Miss Grace L. Slocum), 278.18, Young Ladies' M. C. (of wh. 25 to const. L. M. Miss Nellie S. Quimby), 100, Golden Rods, 10, Happy Workers, 22, Pastor's Aid Soc'y, 10, S. S., 24.82, S. C. E., 5; Providence, Academy Ave., S. C. E., 5, Central Ch., Aux., 397.88, Union Ch., Jun. Aux., 10; Westerly, Aux., 20, Y. F. M. C., 10; Providence, Beneficent Ch., Aux., 189.50, Busy Bees, 110, Union Ch. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Wallace Nutting, 25 by A Friend const. L. M. Mrs. C. H. Leonard), 241.25, North Ch., Aux., (of wh. 6 is a Memorial Gift), 56; Pawtucket, Jun. S. C. E., 5; Barrington, Aux., 52.25; Bayside Gleaners, 50; Central Falls, Mission Helpers, 25; Little Compton, Aux., 17; East Providence, United Ch., Aux., 25; Riverside, Aux., 10.38; Pawtucket, Park Place, Jun. S. C. E., 5, Tarsus M. C., 5; Providence, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 20, Central Ch., Aux., 2.50, 2,021 56

Total, 2,021 56

## CONNECTICUT.

*Eastern Conn. Branch.*—Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Norwich, Park Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 from A Friend const. L. M. Miss Louise B. Meech), 27; Wauregan, Aux., 25; Danielson, 50.47; Pomfret, Aux., 67, Mission Workers, 20; Hampton, Aux., 16.40; Norwich, First Ch., Aux., Thank Off., 19; Lisbon, Aux., Thank Off., 19.50; Willimantic, Aux., 16.69; New London, First Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 from Mrs. B. P. McEwen const. L. M. Miss Mary Saltonstall Hebard), 67.30, Second Ch., Aux., 70, 398 36

*Hartford Branch.*—Mrs. M. Bradford Scott, Treas. Bristol, Aux. (of wh. 43.70 Thank Off., and 25 const. L. M. Miss Charlotte S. Griggs), 64.93; Collinsville, Aux., 75.07, Hearers and Doers M. C., 42, Cradle Roll, 8.34, S. S., 5; Columbia, Aux., 61; Enfield, The Gleaners, M. C., 40; East Hartford, Real Workers, M. C., 20; East Windsor, Aux., 25; Farmington, Aux., 10; Glastonbury, M. C., 46; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., Aux., 40, Fourth Ch., Aux., 20.80, Wethersfield Ave. Ch., Aux., 22.25, Kensington, Aux., 12; Manchester, First Ch., Aux., 85; Mansfield, Aux., 12; New Britain, South Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 by Miss Julia E. Case, to const. L. M. Mrs. Henry C. Bowers), 99.43, Cradle Roll, 75 cts.; Newington, Aux., 84.05, Jun. Aux.,

30, Rain Drops M. C., 11.75; Cradle Roll, 1.30; Poquonock, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Sara A. Hathe-way), 45.50; Cheerful Givers (of wh. 50 const. L. M.'s Miss Mary E. Parker, Miss Grace Duncan), 62.98; Cradle Roll, 2.50; Rockville, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. F. S. Orcutt), 52, Little Helpers, M. C., 5, Cradle Roll, 75 cts.; Rocky Hill, Aux., 16; Simsbury, Aux., 23.75; Somers, Aux., 17; Southington, Aux., 53.76; South Coventry, Aux., 17; South Glastonbury, Aux., 10; South Windsor, Jun. Aux., 8; Stafford Springs, Aux., 40; Suffield, Cradle Roll, 1.75; Talcottville, Aux. (of wh. 76.16 Thank Off.), 90; Little Light Bearers, M. C., 17; Terryville, Aux., 45.90; Jun. Aux., 5; Tolland, Aux., 19.50; Jun. S. C. E., 8.05; Unionville, Aux., 19.51; Vernon Centre, Aux., 17; West Hartford, Aux., 70.29; Wethersfield, Aux., 130; Harris, S. S. Class, 2; Windsor, Aux. (of wh. 25, by Miss Olivia Pierson, const. L. M. Miss Ida Wiles), 100, M. C., 50, Cradle Roll, 5; Windsor Locks, Aux., 56.28; East Hartford, Aux., 28; Hartford, Asylum Hill Jun. Aux., 95, First Ch. S. S., 20; South Coventry, 6.55; Hartford, Asylum Hill Aux., from Mrs. Charles B. Smith, 25, 1,982 74

*New Haven.*—Mrs. E. C. Rowe, 10 00

*New Haven Branch.*—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Bethel, Aux., 14.80; Bethlehem, Aux., 20; Bridgeport, Aux., 211.25; Bridgewater, Aux., 22.81; Brookfield Center, Aux., 1; Centerbrook and Ivoryton, Aux., 18.33; Cheshire, Aux., 89; Chester, Aux., 49.05; Cromwell, Aux., 11; Danbury, Second Ch., Aux., 11; Darien, Aux., 60; Derby, First Ch., Aux., 20, Second Ch., Aux., 5; East Haddam, Aux., 22.30; Goshen, Aux., 4; Greenwich, Bearers of Light, 32, Aux., 1.40; Guilford, First Ch., Aux., 40; Haddam, Aux., 22; Higganum, Aux., 46.50; Kent, Aux., 50, Y. L. M. C., 20; Litchfield, Aux., 83, Daisy Chain, 95, Y. L. M. C., 162; Madison, Aux., 110; Meriden, First Ch., Aux., 115.21; Middletown, First Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25, from Miss F. C. Russell, to const. L. M. Miss Edith Newton), 81.05; Milford, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 50; Millington, Aux., 4.25; Milton, Aux., 5; Naugatuck, Aux., 25; New Canaan, Aux., 5.50; New Haven, Center Ch., Aux., 86, College St. Ch., 23.88, Humphrey St. Ch., Y. L., 32, United Ch., Aux., 60.31; Norfolk, Aux., 30; North Madison, Aux., 7.28; North Stamford, Aux., 1; North Woodbury, Aux., 27.85; Norwalk, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Georgie W. Taylor, 25, from Mrs. J. W. Wilson, const. L. M. Mrs. Harriet Glines), 78, Sunbeam Circle, 10, Senior Circle, 10, Junior Circle, 10, Whatsoever Circle, 7; Orange, Aux., 16.50; Plymouth, Aux., 14; Portland, Work and Win, 28, Aux., 16.72; Salisbury, Aux., 13; Saybrook, Aux., 47; Sharon, Busy Bees, 60; Sherman, Aux., 26.84; Sound Beach, Aux., 27.05; South Britain, Aux., 10.50; South Canaan, Aux., 7; Southport, S. S., 30; Stamford, Aux., 50; Stratford, Aux., 10; Torrington, First

Ch., Aux., 10; Washington, Cradle Roll, 40; Waterbury, First Ch., Aux., 50, S. S., 30, Second Ch., Aux., 15; Westbrook, Aux., 13.75; Westchester, Aux., 6.93; West Cornwall, M. B., 21; Westport, Aux., 10; Westville, Y. L., 45; Wilton, Aux., 22 04; Winsted, Aux., 20, 2,531 10

Total, 4,922 20

#### NEW YORK.

*New York.*—Mr. Homer N. Lockwood, 100 00

*New York Branch.*—Mrs. Guilford Dudley, Treas. Little Valley, 6; Sloan, M. S., 1; Binghamton, First Ch., Aux., 10; Homer, Aux., 9.75; Norwich, Aux., const. L. M.'s Mrs. Maria E. Eaton, Miss Frances R. Latham, 50; Flushing, S. C. E., 5.18, Balance from "Messenger," 2.95; Poughkeepsie, Aux., by Mrs. Guilford Dudley, to const. L. M. Mrs. W. H. Hopkins, 25; S. S., 25; Angola, Aux., 9 08; North Evans, Aux., 5; Brooklynd, Lewis Ave., M. B., 10; Westmoreland, Aux., 11 75; Millville, Aux., 9; Jamestown, Aux., 26.05; Lockport, First Ch., Aux., 15; Cortland, Aux., 10, S. C. E., 5, Mt. Vernon, Aux., 14; Ticonderoga, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. James H. Bailey), 43.75; Sherburne, Aux., 25; Buffalo, First Ch., Bancroft Band, 5.50; Aux., 65; Brooklyn, Lewis Ave Ch., Home Circle, 29.48; Earnest Workers, 25, 443 49

Total, 543 49

#### PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Miss Emma Flavell, Treas. N. J., Bound Brook, Aux., 17; East Orange, First Ch., Aux., 23; Glen Ridge, Aux., 150; Montclair, Aux., 236.06; Jun. S. C. E., 90; Upper Montclair, Aux., 8; Newark, First Ch., Aux., 31.65, Belleville Ave. Ch., Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary F. M. Baldwin), 29.63, M. B., 57; Westfield, Aux., 102.45, S. C. E., 10; Woodbridge, Aux., 24 20; Atlantic Highlands, J. Roberts, 2; Va., Herndon, Aux., 6.50. Less expenses, 6, 781 49

Total, 781 49

#### IOWA.

*Beaman.*—Mrs. W. M. Carver, 5 00

Total, 5 00

#### CANADA.

*W. B. M.*—Lanark, Aux., 5; Maxville, Aux., 5, 10 00

Total, 10 00

#### FOREIGN LANDS.

*Turkey.*—*Harpoat.*—An Armenian Woman, 16

Total, 16

General Funds, 21,514 69  
Variety, 41 03  
Legacies, 143 18

Total, \$21,698 95

Miss H. W. MAY,  
Ass't Treas.





## EXTRACTS FROM THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

As we gather up the results of the past year in our efforts for the extension of the Master's kingdom, we seem to hear again from out the dim past the old prophet's question, "Watchman, what of the night?"—the night of sin and sorrow that settles darkly down on all without the gospel. And where shall we find the answer to this if not in the reports which societies are asked to give from year to year? Long rows of dry figures these may have, hard uninteresting names, statistics of all kinds, and these give a partial answer to this question, with some proof that the "morning light is breaking," and a hope that ere long the darkness will disappear. So we work on, each in our own little corner, toward this great end.

The year with us of the Woman's Board of the Pacific has not been one of any marvelous advance. The spirit of missions among us is perhaps progressing.

The *personnel* of our Board remains much the same as at the beginning of the year. We have recently, however, been compelled to accept the resignation of Mrs. Pullan, Vice President, removed to the East; and Mrs. Dwinell, Home Secretary, from ill health. The latter will, however, be with us when it is possible; the former, when again? The average attendance at our meetings has been slightly greater the past year.

Our annual meeting a year since was held in Plymouth Church, with a large attendance, and was perhaps the most enthusiastic meeting we have yet held, always excepting our twentieth in Santa Cruz.

The missionaries present who addressed us were our Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, of North China Mission, and Mrs. Nevius, wife of the distinguished Presbyterian missionary from the same field of labor. In November, our joyful anniversaries and fellowship meetings all over, we entered upon the, to us, most serious work of the year. It is an all-day meeting, and at this meeting

the estimates are before us of what the American Board expects of us for the coming year. This needs most careful and prayerful attention. The ability and willingness of the churches to give as the Lord has prospered them are carefully considered. This is decided from their average gifts of the two preceding years, and from what we know of their financial standing; and here, we may say, that outside of the California Home Missionary Society there is no society in the State that knows so well the condition of all our churches, or has a readier sympathy for them, than does our Woman's Board, because we have pursued this plan of watching the growth of our churches for over twenty years. It is often with the greatest reluctance that even a small sum is assigned to some of our smaller churches, but knowing their wishes and the blessedness of some co-operation on the part of all in this blessed work, no church is omitted. The sum total of these amounts is made to coincide with our assessment as nearly as possible. It goes without saying that there is nothing authoritative in these suggestions.

December comes with its rains, and consequent thin meetings.

The peculiar feature of our January meeting, held in the First Church, Oakland, was the presence of one of our naval officers, Lieutenant Commander Wadhams, who, in discharge of his duties in the many lands he has visited, has had the largest opportunity for observation on the work of these our missionaries. His testimony as to the heroism and self-denying labors of these, with the results of their work as he saw them, was invaluable and intensely interesting; the more so, as often others in his position are wont to decry it, and bring false and damaging reports.

February found us reaching forward to a long-desired project; viz., a room for headquarters of our Society, room for the library of our Young Ladies' Branch,—through whose enterprise this has been accomplished,—a room for our curios from distant lands, for portraits of our missionaries; and, yea, more, a room to be consecrated by prayer to this work. A room suitable for this purpose was found in the new building of the Y. M. C. A. The money for the rent is secured by private contributions, and the furniture mostly donated. This room is kept open each day by ladies who offer their services, and Thursday morning a prayer meeting is held, to which all are invited. The room is occupied jointly with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who assume half of the rent. Here a great register is kept for the enrollment of the names of visitors. A valuable library is being gathered, files of LIFE AND LIGHT, *Missionary Herald*s, etc.

A fine addition to this library was received as a farewell gift from Rev. Mr. Pullan. Here auxiliaries may find matter for all their meetings, information rich and full on any missionary topics, with maps on all lands.

This is the upper room, which we pray may have the baptism of the Spirit, as did another upper room in the centuries long past.

The March meeting was occupied with the sad story of the Armenian atrocities,—the killing and torturing of Christians by the relentless Turk. This was set forth in a most impressive manner by Miss Ellis, of Mills College.

In April, as a sequel to this March meeting, Mrs. Thom, a missionary from Mardin, Turkey, was present, and told the ladies of the wretched life of women in that country from childhood to old age. A number of ladies and children accompanied Mrs. Thom, arrayed in Turkish costume.

Our May meeting was, as it has often been in the past, a delightful outing to the pleasant town of Campbells, then dressed in its spring array of buds and bloom on the lovely fruit trees. Everything was done to welcome those of our Board who were able to go, and also everything to make an inspiring meeting. Less than twenty availed themselves of this privilege from here, but the friends gathered from the vicinity and filled the church with an enthusiastic audience.

In June we met in our "room" again. This was somewhat of a Japan meeting, from the presence of Miss Gouldy, Miss Gunnison and the Rev. Mr. Rowland, who gave us some new aspects of the work in Japan.

Our meeting in July was held on the 30th, combining the August meeting with this; the change made to enable us to hear Mrs. Eaton, of Mexico. Through some mistake she failed to be with us, to our great regret. She sailed the next day for Mexico.

We feel that our meetings grow in intensity and earnestness, and a stronger faith in the coming of that kingdom for which we pray.

#### ORGANIZATIONS.

Our Board still has its four living branches,—the Washington, the Oregon, the Southern California and the Young Ladies' Branch,—all of which include many auxiliary societies of old and young.

We are lacking in those of which other denominations have so many; viz., those of the children. A few churches have solved this problem successfully; notably Pilgrim Church, East Oakland, Bethany Church, and Vacaville.

#### OUR LITERATURE.

In any profession and all occupations, and in all enterprises, the human mind will grow by what it feeds on, and so we must have our sources of information and inspiration, and the latter is of as much value as the former. We always call your attention first to the *Missionary Herald*, now in its

ninety-first year. Can the churches do without it? And what a crop of magazines has appeared since this, our *Herald*, had its birth? Our LIFE AND LIGHT primarily: do you all take it, and read its living pages? Fuller and richer it grows from year to year. Four pages in it represents our Board each month. The numbers taken on this Coast do not increase, from year to year, as we desire. Surely, with 10,000 women in our churches, north and south, more than 343 copies should be taken.

We have from the Board of the Interior *Mission Studies*, in its fair new dress, for fifty cents a year, and *Mission Day Spring*, with its profusely illustrated pages, to please and instruct the eyes and hearts of the little ones. Ten copies of this may be had for \$1.50; 495 copies are taken on this Coast; 116 of *Mission Studies*. And of course you all take the "noble old *Pacific*," and read Mrs. Jewett's delightful articles in our column. Here she gives to those who were not present the most enjoyable things of a meeting just past—letters from our missionaries, etc.

And our missionary library—who can estimate its value? Late articles have appeared in some of the magazines, entitled, "The Books That Have Most Influenced Me," and we find that the noblest and richest minds of the day lay great stress on biographies.

#### OUR TREASURY.

And now from these heights we come down to the needful dollars and cents. The amount of these will soon be given by our Treasurer. And to what do we give? In the vast field to be reclaimed, what is our little share? Whose hands are we holding up in the far distant and lonely missions? Mrs. Dorward in Africa, Mrs. Baldwin in Turkey, Miss Denton, Miss Harwood, and Miss Gunnison in Japan, Miss Wilson in Micronesia. Mrs. Dorward is now in this country for medical attendance. Miss Gunnison is still here.

Schools aided by our Board: Brousa, our beloved Brousa; Miss Perkins's school in India; Mrs. Gulick's in Spain; and the work in North China represented by Mrs. Arthur H. Smith.

And we have our regular contribution, \$500, for the *Morning Star*. This we look for as in years past from the Sunday schools. We are asked also for \$150 to complete the sum necessary for the rebuilding of the *Hiram Bingham*.

The sum total is \$5,710.90; and this sum is not large, considering that we have on this Coast, north and south, not less than 10,000 women members of our churches. An average of one dollar a year from each would more than meet this sum, and enable us to take up new work.

We again recommend the envelope system to our members. Your contribution placed in this envelope, which is labeled for each month, assures yourself, at least, that not a month has passed without your gift.

And now, having set before you the spirit and the results of our work the past year, we ask from you for the next year such hearty and self-sacrificing co-operation that as we come up to this Pisgah height next September, we may see not only the fields white for the harvest, but heavy with the bended grain for the reaper!



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Oh, not alone because His name is Christ,  
Oh, not alone because Judea waits  
This man-child for her King, the Star stands still!  
The universe must utter, and fulfil  
The mighty voice which states,  
The mighty destiny which holds,  
Its keynote and its ultimate design.  
Waste places and the deserts must perceive  
That they are priced,  
No less than gardens in the Heart Divine;  
Sorrow her sorrowing must leave,  
And learn one sign  
With joy. And loss and gain  
Must be no more.  
And all things which have gone before,  
And all things which remain,  
And all of Life, and all of Death be slain  
In mighty birth, whose name  
Is called Redemption! Praise!  
Praise to God! The same  
To-day and yesterday, and in all days  
Forever! Praise!

— From a Christmas Symphony, by Helen Hunt Jackson

## TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M. I.

BY MRS. J. S. M'LAUHLAN.

It was a pleasant feature of the Cleveland meeting that it should be entertained by the Euclid Avenue Church, thereby affording to visitors an opportunity of seeing the most favored part of this beautiful city. Many of the palatial residences up and down this far-famed street bespeak the grandeur of former days, and in contrast with the newer houses illustrate the fickleness of fashion in architecture as in everything else; but the warm welcome and Christian fellowship which greeted us in the church and in the homes was of that perennial nature which is always new.

If there was one thing more than another that seemed to perfect this grace of hospitality, it was the faithful attendance of the pastor, Dr. Ladd, who, counting himself "only a man," was willing "to open and shut the doors" for this honored convention.

The work of the W. B. M. I. has so broadened with the years, that nothing less than a three days' session is considered adequate for the needs of its annual meeting; and it requires strength of mind and body to be in attendance morning, afternoon, and evening, and carry away anything like a clear conception of all that was said and done.

To rehearse in detail, or even mention in order, all the exercises on the programme is not the purpose of this article, but rather to glean from the mass of material a few of the more significant facts; to feel the pulse and take the temperature of the constituency as a whole, and thereby estimate the measure of its health and soundness, and its ability to prosecute the work of the future.

Every one who has come near to the heart of this great corporation has been made conscious of the fever of anxiety and constant tension of nerve to lift the burden of its debt; and when on Monday, October 21st, at the very end of our year the morning mail brought in nine thousand dollars, and turned the crisis into victory, we may imagine the grateful enthusiasm which filled the heart of our Treasurer, and spread from her to all the members of the Board. What wonder that this report was received at Cleveland with tears of joy and a spontaneous burst of song in "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." This made our total receipts for the year \$78,451.96. Of this, \$4,400 came in legacies, \$1,650 as Spanish Indemnity Money for our losses in Micronesia, and \$500 from an unknown friend. From States where we have no branches we received nearly \$800, and almost \$400 from our missionaries abroad. This leaves the actual receipts from auxiliary societies and regular sources, \$70,710, a goodly sum, for which we are profoundly grateful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

It shows the untiring zeal and foresight of our Board, that the song of praise for this deliverance has scarcely time to die away before they begin their warnings against the dangers of reaction from such a year of strained and anxious effort, and Miss Pollock's paper on "What Might Have Been" served as a timely antidote for relaxation. Her survey of the various fields show how sadly the work has been hampered by pinched resources, and how forceful is the appeal for enlargement instead of retrenchment all along the line.

We have no right to send out our missionaries to give heart, and soul, and strength to this work, and then vex them with an order to "stand still," when God so plainly says, "Go forward."

As usual, the interest of the meeting was centered about the missionaries who were present, and who made more real to our minds the work which is being accomplished, and the greater work which waits to be done; and at the hour when all the missionaries, the missionary mothers, and the missionary children were gathered on the platform for introduction, the most stolid person in the audience could not survey the scene unmoved.

The climax of pathos was reached when the mother sacrifice, the keenest of all human sacrifice, was illustrated in the person of Harriet Lovell's mother, who came forward, and, in voice choked with emotion, said, "I thank God for giving me such a daughter."

The reception at Guilford House, the boarding hall of the Woman's College, gave opportunity for social intercourse, and the programmes of Wednesday and Thursday evenings were rich enough to have deserved a crowded church. The stirring address of Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich contained the story of a missionary's little daughter in China whose father and mother had been killed in the massacre, and who herself was injured. When she learned of her great bereavement, her thoughts seemed not to be of her own orphanage, but revealed itself in her question, "Who will take papa's place?" This carries us back to the deathbed of Robert Logan, when he said, "The work is worth all it has cost;" and we are reminded further of some stirring passages in Willard Scott's eloquent address of Wednesday night. In referring to the social conditions of our own land, he said: "To be afraid of this uprising is to be afraid of the answers to our own prayers. How long have we been declaring that men are brothers? These times disheartening! They are most enheartening. The fact is, this rising is Christ's own rising."

On Thursday evening Miss Webb, of Turkey, told of an Armenian who was thrown into prison for having in his possession a copy of Shelley's poems, containing "The Fall of Islam."

It was a wise policy which secured the presence of Dr. F. E. Clark for Thursday evening, and invited the Christian Endeavorers to come and hear him. There was the true ring of loyalty throughout his address, and the young people will do well to heed his advice and admonitions. He said: "Ten years ago the call was for men; now thousands of young people are knocking at the door, and are ready to go. I have not been to a convention for years that this missionary idea has not flamed up, and has made the best session of the meeting. . . . There are no more careful people in the world than are on these Boards. It is the duty to give the money through these channels of the church. One object of the Christian Endeavor Society is to promote loyalty, not only to the church, but also to the denomination, and everything that pertains to it. . . . There are no more faithful men and women than our missionaries. . . . Here you will find the heroes of the nineteenth century."

After all that was said and done,—the discussion of ways and means, the State reports, the review of all the foreign fields, the missionary addresses, the impromptu discussions, the devotional and the social hours,—the real pith of the convention may be found in the reports of committees, on what is called the review of the Home Department and the Treasurer's report. From these we gather some salient points for our consideration as we turn our faces toward the work of the new year. "No new missionaries sent out last year; cause—debt, depleted treasury; new missionaries ready and waiting to go,—fields abroad pleading for them. Continued tendency of our Junior Societies and Mission Bands to join the Christian Endeavor host, at the expense of their own organizations. The treasury of the Board has thereby suffered in the past, but better results from this union are coming,—nay, are here."

"We recommend that the Christian Endeavor Societies be invited to become part of the constituency of our Woman's Board, at least to the extent of sending delegates to our meetings. We recommend that although the debt is paid, there be no pause or tarrying in the work, longer than to say, 'How good God is!' As we recognize this great gift to our Board—freedom from debt—as of the Lord, an answer to prayer, let us have more prayer in our auxiliaries. Let us feel as never before that our success depends upon appeal to God, and not appeal to man."

The Committee on Treasurer's report note the fact that in spite of a depleted treasury, our foreign missionaries have increased their gifts \$190 over those of last year; that Illinois has increased her gifts \$3,000; that Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio have an increase each of \$1,000 over last year; and that Wisconsin has a legacy of \$4,000. We also find



that in order to pay the debt the Home expenses are \$1,000 less than last year. "We sincerely hope that our officers may never again feel the necessity of so great an exercise of economy. It may do for one year, but we feel that a continuance of it would greatly cripple the work."

In the farewell words of our President we have our watchword: "Let us not rest upon our oars. The rest time has not come yet. This year means more persistent effort. Take warning from the past, take heed for the future. Take not off the armor or lay down the weapons; be ye faithful unto the end."

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## A MISSIONARY MEETING IN MADURA.

BY MISS EVA M. SWIFT.

THE 29th of last March was a field day for our missionary society. Four women were just graduated from the Training School, and I wished to bring their work before the community. The happy thought came to me that a woman's missionary meeting would be just the thing. It would accomplish two things: give the men an opportunity to see how our meetings were conducted, and would also be just the right way for the Bible students to close their work in the school, and begin it in the larger field. So we prepared a programme such as we should have had in any case for our next meeting, taking Japan as a subject. Then we followed this by a consecration meeting, at which four students were specially dedicated to God for his service among the women of this district. I inclose copies of the programme, of which the following is a translation.

### WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

General Subject: The Evangelization of the World.

Special Topic: Japan

#### PART I.

1. Lyric 184.
2. Prayer.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Scripture Lesson: Mark xi. 1-11.
5. A Lesson in Geography. (Japan.)
6. Some Things about Japan. (Questions answered by North Gate women.)
7. "What a Little Girl did for Christ in Japan." (Essay.)
8. The Beginning of Christianity in Japan. (Questions and answers by East Gate women.)
9. Hymn 205.
10. The Work of the American Board in Japan. (Questions answered by West Gate women.)
11. "Gathering up the Fragments." (Paper.)
12. Prayer.

## PART II. CONSECRATION MEETING.

1. Song. "Far, Far Away." Solo and Chorus.
2. An Object Lesson. (The need of the world, shown by a colored chart.)
3. Song. "The Missionary's Call." (Sung in English.)
4. Giving of Certificates to Students.
5. Address to Students.
6. Consecration Prayer.
7. Singing. Collection.
8. Prayer and Benediction.

The meeting was presided over by two Tamil sisters, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rowland, and the papers were read out clearly so that all could hear. Mr. Chandler kindly helped us by singing the English song and making one of the two addresses to the students. He was followed by Pastor Simon, and Pastor Colton of Dindigul led us in the consecration prayer. It was to me a very pleasant sight to see so many women gathered for such a purpose, and I was glad, too, to have the men present that they might know the work of the Society.

One of the four women who have finished their work in the school is to work in connection with the North Gate Church; another I hope to have in the South Gate. A third has gone to work in seven villages not far from Madura, and the fourth woman went to Battalagundu. I took this last one with me, and stopped over Sunday at Battalagundu with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, on my way to the hills. On Sunday I held a little meeting with the women of the church, and in the afternoon went with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan about three miles out to the village, where we hoped the Bible woman could do good work. The road was very rough, and several times I began to think there was danger of landing in the village on our heads, but as it was, we got out of our bullock bandy on the outskirts of the place, and as we walked through the streets a number of people gathered and followed us into the little prayer house. It was not usual to see so many heathen men and women willing to come into the church and sit down. Mr. Vaughan and Pastor Pitchamutthu addressed them, and then at Mr. Vaughan's request I spoke to them for a few minutes. We had time for a few minutes with the Christian people to inquire after their health, and then came home again by moonlight. It made me very happy to see Annal started in her work thus happily, but as there was no school in that place, she was afterwards kindly sent where her three little children would not be neglected. I have since heard that she has begun well.

I inclose a letter I received while on the hills from Pastor Simon. It may interest you to see what impression the work of the women makes upon the

Catechists and Pastors who work with them. He recommends that the women should go out every month, thus showing his thought that the work is valuable. The students have been going out as frequently as possible since the beginning of the year, and they and the regular Bible women have visited about one hundred villages since January 1st.

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## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

### KAMUNDONGO, BIHE, WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

SOON after the last mail had gone I began taking charge of the girls' school, which is held from two to four every week-day afternoon, with the exception of Saturday, when at the same time I have the sewing school. Then, too, I have begun to help with the press work for two hours every morning, and this with my study and my visits to the village keep me quite busy. But the work is all pleasant, and I feel that I am helping, so I am happy.

I have about twenty-three enrolled in the school, most of them married women, but there are a few of the younger girls. It is much harder to get the young girls than it is the married women, for the mothers need their help, and will not let them come; when they marry they are under their husbands' control, and if he happens to be one of the mission boys or favors us, she is allowed to come. It happens now that all our married women in the school are wives of the mission boys.

Those who have children have to bring them, because they have no place to leave them; so I usually have some half dozen babies, ranging from three months to three years of age, playing around on the floor. Some days they are good, and again some days they are cross, and make a great deal of disturbance. But the poor mothers try so hard to keep them quiet that I do not like to say anything about it, as it can't be helped unless the mother stays from school, and of course we do not want that. . . .

I have some funny excuses given me for absence from school; to me one of the funniest is that they had to have their hair combed. But since the girls here are always busy, and it takes over an hour to have their hair braided, we hold this as a valid excuse. I think I have already told you how the hair is braided and arranged, so I will not repeat, but will only say that when-it is once done it is expected to last for three or four months.

My name among the natives here is "Ondona Louise," or as they pronounce it, "Luisa." We gave them my given name because, in this

language, there is no distinction between Mrs. and Miss, for all white ladies are alike "Ondona," and there would be no way to distinguish between my sister-in-law and myself.

The old people here are hard to win, as they do not want to give up their heathen ways. They are also very suspicious of us and of our ways. The other night one of our mission girl's little child was taken with convulsions. They brought her to our house and we applied what remedies we knew, and the child soon got better. But as she had had fever, and was now sweating, we thought it was best for them to remain with her all night in our kitchen. The next morning her grandmother came to see the child, and as they were going to take the child home I rubbed her over with camphor, to prevent her taking cold. The child was asleep when I did this, and the grandmother kept begging her daughter to make me stop, she was so afraid the medicine would prevent the child from waking up. The younger people are not so suspicious of us, and are more easily reached.

Perhaps you would like to hear a little about the young boys who are being trained to do housework. The two boys who do the housework are called Sakowita and Cisingi. The latter name means "a stump." I have never been able to find out what the other one's name means, but here all the names have their meaning. Cisingi, the younger one, is certainly rightly named, for he is quite short, although we were told the other day he must be eighteen or twenty years old. He looks and seems like a little boy. He is very bright, and always in a jolly mood. When we hear them talking with the other boys you can frequently hear his voice above all the rest, laughing and chattering as hard as he can. It is wonderful to me how quickly they can learn to do the work, and how well they do it. Sakowita, the older one, has already learned to make beautiful bread, although he began to learn just a few days before I arrived. The boys take to this work here better than the girls, and are more to be depended upon. I think one of the greatest inducements are the scraps which come from the table; and if any extra cooking is going on, the kitchen is sure to be full of small boys who are waiting around in hopes of getting a share in the scraps. On my sister's birthday we invited the girls in the school to come to our garden. They brought their books and recited their lessons there, and after that was over we passed around roasted peanuts and had a little feast. Most of the schoolgirls are married women and have children, and they have to bring them to school with them, so we had quite a number of guests, counting in the children.

LOUISE B. FAY.

TUNG-CHO, CHINA, June 10, 1895.

My vacation began with the end of the college year, a few days ago, and now some time mornings may be given to the luxury of pen visits with my friends across the sea. Our day schools are still in session, and there are unlimited opportunities for home visiting in city and villages, but I am not going to put any evangelistic work into the mornings until some of my letters are answered.

Classes have graduated this year from theological seminary, college, and academy, and we have had a pleasant year of school in our new building out in the pure country air. We have all learned a new song of praise, for has not our Father done for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think?" We think back to last August, when the war clouds were gathering thick about us, and it was only after much consultation and prayer that we decided to open our schools in September, as usual, and learn a new lesson of faith from the guidance which was given then and during the succeeding months of wild rumors and possible dangers.

And now peace has come, but not the true peace yet. We who have faith in China believe that that is coming in God's time, and that darkness, and corruption, and grinding poverty will blight this great nation no more. Now we are watching to see whether China will really make a great forward movement, or whether after her rude awakening she will only lie down again and resign herself once more to that Rip Van Winkle sleep. There is little doubt that the emperor has been somewhat interested in looking into the Bible and one or two Christian books, but it takes a strong faith to believe that, even if convinced of the truth of Christianity, he would have the strength of character to break through iron precedent, and to stand against the tyranny of the empress dowager and the court ministers.

Our day schools have been especially prosperous this year. It seems wonderful how much of the spirit of Christianity these little ones imbibe in the few hours spent in school each day—enough in many cases to counteract the dark influences of heathen homes, and to make them faithful disciples of Christ. Every day prayers go up from little lips in many a heathen home. Who can tell what may come from the working of this hidden heaven?

What an old man of the sea that debt is coming to be! When will the Board be able to shake off the incubus, and enter the widening fields of opportunity? The lack of money must lay an especially heavy burden on the hearts of those of you who have the responsibility at that end of the line. Here we feel it most in the college. Although the new building was occupied this year it is still unfinished, and must suffer some injury unless there are funds to spend on it during the coming months. Moreover, no new students

can be received next fall unless more rooms for dormitories can be finished off. But the Lord of the treasury can have made no mistake when he said that the silver and gold were his, and some day he will claim his own. Perhaps the tithes of gold are waiting for fuller measures of faith and prayer.

LUELLA MINER.

### PARAGRAPHS FROM THE HOME REPORT.

“No new missionaries have been sent out during the year. Several young women have offered themselves, but the Board has steadily refused to consider any increase of its force until it should have warrant in the condition of its finances. Miss Wright cannot be counted a new missionary, since she went to Mexico to temporarily fill a vacancy, and the expense of her outfit was entirely met by personal gifts from members of the Executive Committee.

THE call from the Central Turkey Girls' College for two teachers is immediate and urgent. The vacancies made by the death of Miss Lovell and the probable transfer of Mrs. Marden to Gedik Pasha must be filled. These two young women must be well equipped; one, at least, a college graduate, and qualified to give instruction in music.

A THOUGHT concerning legacies. Women are being educated in business habits. Many draw up wills in legal form or as a suitable memorandum of desire in the disposition of money or personal effects. Why should not a woman include her missionary Board among her legatees? Are there not circumstances also in which a woman might wisely insure her life in favor of the Board?

LETTERS from missionaries contain frequent reference to the comfort and helpfulness of the Mizpah Calendar. It goes as a message carrying the promise that an incense of prayer is daily ascending; prayer whose results have in more than one instance been markedly recognized. A Calendar for 1896 is issued in the belief that both the home and foreign constituency would regret its discontinuance.

#### FROM THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF TURKEY.

THIS is Jubilee year at Samokov, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Miss Maltbie in Bulgaria. It was celebrated in part on Miss Maltbie's birthday, when the native pastor, in most appreciative words to the “faithful mother,” wished for her a golden as well as a silver anniversary in Bulgaria. In commemoration also of the Jubilee year an alumnae association was formed,—a stimulating bond of union between graduates and the school.

A CLASS of little girls in the Samokov Boarding School, studying the life of St. Paul, sent ten dollars to the Hadjin Home, because that school fur-

nishes teachers for Tarsus, the birthplace of St. Paul, and because it is the school, as one child said in asking God to bless it, "where the children are so good but so needy, while we in Samokov are richer but badder."

THE financial problem in Hadjin is a serious one. During the last two years the price of wheat has been doubled, and sometimes tripled, rendering it impossible for the people to increase their subscriptions. Writes Mrs. Coffing: "I believe they gladly would, but they cannot. Of the hundred girls in the schoolroom, fifty have but two thicknesses of the thinnest cotton goods on any part of their bodies; at least thirty of them have no stockings, and some of them have no shoes, but come from the city barefooted these cold mornings when the icicles are thicker than my arm. Their food is a small bit of rye or barley bread with a handful of dried grapes or a few nuts gathered in the summer."

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## Home Department.

### STUDIES IN MISSIONS.

#### PLAN OF LESSONS, 1895.

*December.*—Review of the year.

For a thorough preparation of this review, with all its encouragement and inspiration, auxiliary societies may look for the Annual Report of the Board at an early date.

#### AT HOME.

Some of the most efficient and dearest officers of our Board, and one of our beloved missionaries in the foreign field, have died during the year. Recall their labors of love.

*Periodicals.*—What are they, besides *Mission Studies* and the *Advance Column*? How has *Mission Studies* been improved?

*Field Work.*—Our missionaries who have been at home during the year have rendered us valiant service. They deserve our grateful acknowledgment.

*New Missionaries.*—What new missionaries have entered upon their work, and to what service has the one gone who was reappointed last year?

*Auxiliaries.*—How many contributing societies? How many new ones? What is the condition of Young People's Societies as compared with last year? What advance in Children's Work?

*Financial Results.*—What were the appropriations for 1895? Has the Board accomplished the work planned for the year? What advance has been made? Notably in what State Branches? Aim for the coming year?

#### FOREIGN REVIEW.

*Events of Note.*—Treaty of Peace between China and Japan. Massacre of Armenians in Turkey and of missionaries in China. Attack on Mr. Sheffield. Cholera in Turkey, China, and Japan. Deputation from the American Board to Japan. Completion of the new Robert Logan.

*Native Women's Work.*—Note the visits made by three Kalgan Bible Women. Graduates of Kindergarten Training School, Kobe. Work begun and carried on by them; also by graduates of Kobe College. Bulgarian Bible Women. What has been accomplished by the women and children of Madura reported by Miss Swift?

*Kindergarten Work.*—In Cesarea. Hadjin. Smyrna. Bardezag. Mardin. Gedik Pasha. How the work spreads, especially in Japan. Need of the work in China.

*Sunday-school Work.*—Remarkable development of this work in the Western Turkey Mission. Progress in Harpoot. In Japan.

*Boarding Schools and Colleges.*—How many in China? In Turkey? In Mexico? In Japan? In Micronesia? In India? Urgent need of Marash. What is needed also at Adana?

How have the war in China and the disturbances in Turkey affected missionary work and workers?

*Evangelistic Schools.*—Kobe. Effect of the anti-foreign feeling upon our Kobe College. Madura School. Its prosperity, needs, and contemplated aid.

*Micronesia.*—What new missionaries have gone out during the year? Condition of the schools.

*Medical Work.*—That of Miss Murdock and Miss Nieburg in China. Prospect in Peking.

*Village Work.*—Glimpses of this work may be seen throughout our missions. The seed is being sown, and in many places the "blade" has sprung up. Note the needs in Ahmednagar, *Herald*, July, '95.

*Religious Interest.*—Continued in North China. An unusual work is reported in the Zulu Mission. Are there any signs of promise in our new mission in Gazaland? Notable meetings and conferences which promise especial encouragement to the work of the W. B. M. I.

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### MRS. MARY DAY ELY.

A STRONG power and a guiding presence relied upon during many years were absent from the Cleveland meeting, but those who had known the abiding affection of Mrs. Heman Ely for the Board of the Interior could not doubt her continued presence in the spirit. For many years she had been a vice president both of the Interior Board and of the Ohio Branch.

On Sabbath morning, September 8th, at Elyria, Ohio, she entered into rest. The summons came to her in the way she herself would have chosen. One day she was among her friends and townfolk planning for the comfort of the many who relied upon her, and the next she was not, for God had taken her.

For forty-five years she had been a gracious presence in the community where her married life began. Mrs. Ely was a woman of noble gifts most nobly used. Her fellow-workers mourn that they shall see her face no more, but at the same time they rejoice in the memory of years strengthened by her clear judgment and wise counsel.



## WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

MRS. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPTEMBER 10 TO OCTOBER 10, 1895.

## ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Miss Mary I. Beattie, of Rockford, Treas. Abingdon, 16.26; Alton, Ch. of the Redeemer, 12.50; Aurora, New England Ch., 71; Austin, 4.05; Buda, 5; Carthage, A Friend, 1; Chanderville, 10; Chebanse, 11.68; Chicago, Mrs. G. A. Stannard, 5, Mrs. L. A. Baker, 5, Mrs. Jacobs, 1, California Ave. Ch., 5, Covenant Ch., 18.62, Duncan Ave. Ch., 36.36, First Ch. (of wh. Mrs. C. H. Case, 50, Mrs. Z. P. Hanson, 25), 91, Kenwood Ev. Ch., 75, Lincoln Park Ch., 5, New England Ch., 90, Pilgrim Ch., 41.35, Plymouth Ch., 131, Porter Memorial Ch., 15, South Ch., 101.15, Warren Ave. Ch., 75; Danville, Mrs. A. M. Swan, 20; Decatur, 5; Dundee, 7; Elmhurst, 21.56; Farmington, 24; Forrest, 2.65; Galesburg, A Friend, 8, A Friend, 35; Galva, 31.93; Harvey, 4.72; Hinsdale, 32.30; Huntley, 5; Ivanhoe, 13; Lake View, 5; Lombard, 37; Lyonsville, 15.45; Marshall, 8; Moline, First Ch., 15.50; Naperville, 3; Neponset, 15.40; Oak Park, 139.55; Onarga, 2.25; Ontario, 12; Ottawa, 30; Pittsfield, 20; Plymouth, 10; Polo, Ind. Pres. Ch., 5; Princeton, 19; Providence, 7.36; Ravenswood, 29.85; Rock Falls, 8; Rockford, 186.51; Rogers Park, 17.05; Rollo, 20.15; Seward, 41; Shabbona, 33.74; Somonauk, 17.50; Springfield, First Ch., 8.70, Third Ch., 20; Sterling, 1; Stillman Valley, 60.66; Toulon, 4.80; Wilmette, 34.50; Winnebago, A Friend, 20; Winnetka, 37.25; Yorkville, 10, 1,932 35

JUNIOR: Alton, 5.85; Chicago, First Ch., 39.50, Pilgrim Ch., 25, Plymouth Ch., 10, Porter Memorial Ch., 20.50, South Ch., 44, Union Park Ch., 38.50, Warren Ave. Ch., 2.20; Evanston, 64.55; Galesburg, 65; Glencoe, 33; Lake View, 9; Maywood, 2, 359 10

JUVENILE: Chicago, Union Park Ch., 26.77; Downers Grove, 5; Hinsdale, 9; Lake View, 1; Oak Park, 32.30; Rollo, 1.50, 75 57

C. E.: Chicago, Leavitt St. Ch., 10.15, Tabernacle Ch., 20; Lawn Ridge, 5; Rogers Park, 10; Winnetka, 11.16, 56 31

JUNIOR C. E.: Chicago, Kenwood Ev. Ch., 5, Ridgeway Ave. Pres. Ch., 1.50, Washington Park Ch., 1; Forrest, 4; Lawn Ridge, 3; Marshall, 6; Ottawa, 5; Quincy, 5, 30 50

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS: La Grange, 3.75; Rogers Park Covenant Circle, 31, 34 75

TITANK OFFERINGS: Abingdon, 24; Alton, 33.60; Amboy, 52.36; Austin, 11.41; Buda, 34.40; Canton, 18.50; Carthage, A Friend, 1; Chebanse, 13.32; Chicago, Covenant Ch., 35.30, Leavitt St. Ch., 11.10, Lincoln Park Ch., 21.35, New England Ch., 89.05, Pilgrim Ch., 24.95, Washington Park Ch., 11; Dover, Juniors, 11; Elgin, 36; Evanston, Juniors, 33; Farmington, 42.37; Forrest, 23.30; Galesburg, Central Ch., 56; Juveniles, 4.97; Galva, 16.79; Gridley, 6.10; Griggsville, Jnniors, 4.10, Cheerful Givers, 3.50; Harvey, 6; Hins-

dale, 27; M. Band, 10; Ivanhoe, 15.42; Joy Prairie, 38.89; M. Band, 10; La Grange, Junior C. E., 5; Lake View, Ch. of the Redeemer, 13.75; Lawn Ridge, 33.50; Lombard, 10; Lyonsville, 38; McLean, 13; Maywood, 44; Marshall, 14; Melvin, 2; Moline, First Ch., 15; Neponset, 4.60; Paxton, 71.81; Port Byron, 23.50 (for Debt); Plymouth, 24; Providence, 18.04; Quincy, Junior C. E., 5; Rantoul, 14.30; Ravenswood, 20.15; Rogers Park, 19; Rock Falls, 10; Rollo, 25.35; Roscoe, Mrs. E. Atwood, 4; Seward, 14; Springfield, First Ch., 50; Sterling, 44; Streator, 4.15; Toulon, 37; Wilmette, 20; Woodburn, M. Band, 3, 1,325 93

FOR THE DEBT: Abingdon, 10; Alton, 5; Chicago, California Ave. Ch., 10, First Ch., 12.50, Lincoln Park Ch., 12, Millard Ave. Ch., Juniors C. E., 6.15, New England Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 1; Evanston, Juniors, 54; Forrest, 12.50; Hinsdale, 2; Joy Prairie, M. Band, 10; Lombard, 3; Lyonsville, 3; M. Band, 17.50; Marseilles, Mrs. J. Q. Adams, 100; Oak Park, 8; Ottawa, Miss Bull, 2; Port Byron, S. S., 1.50; Plymouth, 21.50; Quincy, Union Ch., A Friend, 7.75; Rockford, Second Ch., 5.82; Roscoe, Mrs. E. Atwood, 1; Rosville, Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Axtell, 50; Sterling, 5; Udina, 1; Wheaton, College Ch., 19; Wilmette, 15.60, 407 33

4,221 33  
Less expenses, 2 55  
Total, 4,218 78

## INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss M. E. Perry, of Indiaapolis, Treas. Fort Wayne, Plymouth Ch., 15; Indiaapolis, People's Ch., 3, Mayflower Ch., 8.76, Thank Off., 32.25; Michigan City, 7.50; Ridgeville, 4; Fort Recovery, Ohio, 10, 80 51

## IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Algona, 12.75; Almorat, 8.50; Ames, 2.40; Anita, 6.36; Bellevue, 5.50; Buckeye, Rev. and Mrs. Fitch, 1; Cedar Falls, 5; Central City, 14.80; Charles City, 4.60; Cherokee, 15.75; Clinton, 6; Cromwell, 4; Davenport, Edwards Ch., 20.25; for the Debt, 3.40; Des Moines, North Park Ch., 39.32, Plymouth Ch., 56.79, for the Debt, 10; Dubuque, Summit Ch., 12.50; Dunlap, 67.34; Fairfax, A Friend, 5; Farragut, 43.73; Fayette, 5; Genoa Bluffs, 4; Gilman, 28.71; Glenwood, 11; Grand View, 20; Green Mountain, 12; Grinnell, 78.10; Hampton, 36.04; Hawarden, 10; Keosauqua, 25; Le Mars, 12.10; Maquoketa, 22.35; Marshalltown, 30; Mooreville, Carrie Smith, 1; Mt. Pleasant, 28.16; New Hampton, 23.36; New York, Mrs. S. D. Upham, 2; Ogden, 10.95; Peterson, 17; Pilgrim, 10; Polk City, 7; Preston, 6; Red Oak, 22; Reinbeck, 5; Salem, 55; Sheldon, 31; Shen-

andoah, 28.51; Sibley, 5.35; Sioux City, Mayflower Ch., 2.50; Spencer, 13.55; Strawberry Point, 8.60; Stuart, 5; Victor, Mrs. Gridley, 5; Waterloo, 17.55; Waucoma, 10,	953 82
JUNIOR: Clay, 23; for the Debt, 7.40; Des Moines, Plymouth Rocks, 77.76; Dunlap, 6; Grinnell, 19.20; Monona, Y. G. C., 5,	138.36
C. E.: Algona, 5; Big Rock, 2.80; Cedar Rapids, 10; Cherokee, 2.75; Corning, 1.25; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 10; Farragut, 2; Monticello, 5; Waverly, 5; Webster City, 5; West Burlington, 5,	53.80
JUVENILE: Cedar Rapids, Willing Workers, 2.65; Grinnell, Busy Bees, S. Br., 14; W. Br., 17.52; Webster City, Cheerful Givers, 4,	38.17
JUNIOR C. E.: Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 13.50; Ottumwa, 15,	28.50
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Decorah, 1.33; Garden Prairie, 6; Garner, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Wells, 2; Gilman, Birthday boxes, 3.29; Grinnell, 7.79; Hickory Grove, 5; Mt. Pleasant, 2.33; Sheandoah, Supt. Lake, 1; Traer, 6.60; Witterberg, 4,	39.34
THANK OFFERING: Ames, 51.65; Anita, Add'l, 50 cts.; Big Rock, 17; Cedar Falls, 21; Cedar Rapids, 17.50; Charles City, 25; Cherokee, 40.45; Chester Center, 10.36; Cromwell, 14; Davenport, Edwards Ch., 19.42; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 138.62; Elkader, 2.65; Genoa Bluffs, 10; Glenwood, for the Debt, 23; Grinnell, 194.33, for Rev. Geo. White, Marsovan, 15; Magnolia, 17.10; Maquoketa, 18; Monona, 3; Muscatine, for the Debt, 35.55; Ogdon, 2.75; Polk City, 4; Postville, 6; Red Oak, 37; Sioux City, First Ch., 18.63; Stuart, 10; Waucoma, 5; Anita, Y. L., 4.90; Clay, Y. L., 1; Des Moines, Plymouth Rock Soc., 8.07; Grinnell, Y. W. M. S., 13,	784 48
Total,	2,036 48

## KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Coats, of Topeka, Treas. Atchison, 10; Douglass, 3.75; Kansas City, Chelsea Park Ch., 3.50; Smith Center, 4; Russell, 1; Wichita, Fairmont Ch., 7,	29 25
C. E.: Douglass, 5; Eureka, 10; Great Bend, 5; Stockton, 10,	30 00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Russell,	3.15
Total,	62 40

## SECOND STATEMENT.

Arkansas City, 6; Chapman, 4.91; Ford, 1; Garnet, 5; Gaylord, 2.95; Goshen, 10; Hiawatha, 4; Highland, 5; Kirwin, 8.80; Lawrence, 30; Maple Hill, 23.25; Newton, 5; Olathe, 14.13; Oneida, 9; Osawatimie, 1.40; Sabetha, 35.75, A Friend, 6.50, St. Mary's, 6; Sedgewick, 10; Sterling, 18.55; Topeka, Central Ch., 38.12, First Ch., 2.70; Udall, 5; Westmoreland, 9.01; Wichita, Plymouth Ch., 15, Cent. Assn. Coll., 3.30,	280 37
JUNIOR: Sterling,	6 45
JUVENILE: Maple Hill,	6 75
C. E.: Chapman, 6; Sabetha, 23.68; Udall, 5; Wichita, 5,	39 68
JUNIOR C. E.: Chapman, 75 cts.; Garnett, 5,	5 75
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Vera,	2 00
Total,	341 00

## MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Ann Arbor, 27.75; Armada, 12; Alamo, 7.50; Benton Harbor, 5.50; Cooper, 4; Church, A. W., 1; Charlotte, 25; Clinton, 15; Detroit, First Ch., 104.50, Mt. Hope Ch., L. A. S., 5; Edmore, "Widow's Mite," 1; Greenville, 6.85; Grand Rapids, Second Ch., 17, Smith Memorial Ch., 16.50; Plymouth Ch., 4.75; Galesburg, 25; Grape, 3; Jackson, 10.80; Litchfield, 10.77; Manistee, 64.40; North Adams, 24; Pontiac, 3; St. Joseph, 50 cts.; Romeo, 16.04; Red Jacket, H. M. S., 80; St. Ignace, 6; Stanton, 6.40; Tipton, H. and F. M. S., 5; Traverse City, 25; Vermontville, 13.72; West Adrian, 5; Wheatland, 12; Ypsilanti, 10; from Michigan, from sale of gold bracelet, 20,	593 98
JUNIOR: Traverse City,	70 00
JUVENILE: Litchfield, 6; Oxford, Morning Star Band, 5,	11 00
C. E.: Hudson, 8; Ovid, 5; Vicksburg, 10,	23 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Covert, 1; Detroit, First Ch., 3,	4 00
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Detroit, First Ch., Intermediate Dept., 2.62; Greenville, Infant Dept., 87 cts.,	3 49
THANK OFFERINGS: Ann Arbor, 148; Greenville, 45.13; Romeo, 31.96; St. Joseph, 39.50; Stanton, 23.25; Traverse City, Y. L., 19; Vermontville, 9.25; Whittaker, 16.69,	332 78
FOR THE DEBT: Cooper, C. E., 4; Jackson, 7.50; Romeo, a dollar extra per member, 30; Wayne, 6.50; Whittaker, 3.33	51 33
Total,	1,089 58

## MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 E. University Ave., St. Paul, Treas. Anoka, 12.50; Barnesville, 9; Excelsior, 95 cts.; Faribault, 26.25; Glyndon, 4.60; Grove-land, 2.10; Hasty, 1; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 11.75, Plymouth Ch., 29.95, Friend, 50, Aux., 131.28, Vine Ch., 7, North Branch, 1.95; Northfield, 48.30; Owatonna, 15; Rochester, 50.25; St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., 8.70; St. Anthony Park Ch., 13.08; Suirise, 1.71; Winona, First Ch., 25.50,	450 87
JUNIOR: Minneapolis, Robinsdale Ch., 4.10; Northfield, 15,	19 10
C. E.: Anoka, 11; Clearwater, 93 cts.; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 15; Monticello, 3; St. Paul, Atlantic Ch., 5,	34 93
JUNIOR C. E.: Duluth, Pilgrim Ch., 3; Minneapolis, Park Ave. Ch., 7.30; Rochester, 5,	15 30
THANK OFFERINGS: Barnesville, 6; Hawley, 8; Detroit City, 10.60; Minneapolis, Pilgrim Ch., 16.25, Plymouth Ch., 32.76,	73 61
SPECIAL: Minneapolis, Y. W. C. A. Cent-a-Day Club for Anna Maria, Bible Reader, care Miss Swift, Madura, India, 18.25, Park Ave. Ch., Miss Bachman, pupil Girls' Sch., Marsovan, care Miss King, 3.25,	21 50
FOR THE DEBT: Faribault, Aux. Thank Off., 30.25; St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., 7,	37 25
Less expenses,	652 56
Total,	612 10

## MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. M. Adams, 4427 Morgan St., St. Louis, Treas. Brookfield, 10; Kansas City, Olivet Ch., 2.50; Lebanon, 19; Nickols, 10; Springfield, First Ch., 6; St. Louis, First Ch., 24.95; Pilgrim Ch., 60, Plymouth Ch., 4.45, Memorial Ch., 5.	141 90
JUNIOR: St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., C. E.: Bevier, 1.61; Cameron, 5; Lebanon, 10; Meadville, 1.66; St. Louis, First Ch., 5.	5 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Bevier, 1; Lebanon, 10.	23 27
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bevier,	1 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Amity, 14.25; Eldon, 3; Kidder, 12; Lebanon, 17; Springfield, First Ch., 18.50; St. Louis, First Ch., 95, Third Ch., Y. P. M. S., 10, Plymouth Ch., 6.25.	176 00
FOR THE DEBT: Meadville, Mrs. Goodale, 1.00; St. Louis, First Ch., 4, Plymouth Ch., 12.55.	17 55
Total,	375 72

## MONTANA.

UNION.—Mrs. H. E. Jones, of Livingston, Treas. Castle, 5; Missoula, 60 cts., C. E.: Livingston,	5 60
	8 35
Total,	13 95

## NEBRASKA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. H. G. Smith, of Exeter, Treas. Ashland, 39; Arlington, 1; Ainsworth, 4.62; Avoca, 2.75; Blair, 2.80; Camp Creek, 11; Columbus, 13.60; Crete, 6; Crawford, 1.40; Exeter, 8.89; Fremont, 36.60; Franklin, 7.50; Greenwood, 3; Hemingford, 2; Hastings, 10; Holdrege, 4.18; Irvington, 5; Indianola, 7.90; Kearney, 6; Lincoln, 3; Lincoln, First Ch., 61.43, Plymouth Ch., 5, Vine St. Ch., 2.32; Milford, 10; Napouee, 25 cts.; Norfolk, First Ch., 11.40; Omaha, First Ch., 26.78, for Miss Florence White, Mexico, 3, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 40.92, Plymouth Ch., 12.36; Riverton, 85 cts.; Rising City, 28.35; Red Cloud, 82 cts.; Scribner, 6.05; Syracuse, 13; Westcott, 1.60; Weeping Water, 27.15; Wilcox, 5; Waverly, 5; York, 12.68.	441 11
JUNIOR: Lincoln, Vine St. Ch., 3; Omaha, First Ch., 30, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 12.50; Pierce, 3.75; Special, 1.25.	50 50
JUVENILE: Blair, 88 cts.; Crawford, 1; Omaha, Plymouth Ch., Cradle Roll, 3.16; Trenton, M. Band, 3.25; Riverton, 3, C. E.: Ainsworth, 3; Blair, 2.34; Fremont, 3.85; Rokeby, 5; Scribner, 4.20.	11 29
JUNIOR C. E.: Norfolk, 5.16; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 15; Weeping Water, 10.	18 39
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Bisbee, 7; Hemingford, 1; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 2.89.	30 16
THANK OFFERINGS: Blair, 5.45; M. Band, 69 cts.; Clarks, 6; Franklin, 1; Lincoln, Vine St. Ch., 1.90; Milford, 7.35; Nebraska City, 10; Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., 27.85, Plymouth Ch., 17.70; Rokeby, 11; Riverton, 1.85; Wallace, 4.35; Waverly, 1.45; York, 14.	20 89
	110 59
	682 93
Less expenses,	4 31
Total,	678 62

## NORTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. H. Phillips, of Jamestown, Treas. Fargo, Plymouth Ch., 1; Jamestown, 3.75; Mayville, 10; Wahpeton, 10.	24 75
C. E.: Carrington, 1.65; Dwight, Union Soc., 4; Grand Forks, 10; Sanborn, 2.	17 65
JUNIOR C. E.: Sanborn,	1 75
Total,	44 15

## OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, West Ch., 7.75; Alexis, Mite Box Soc., 5.17; Ashland, 20; Andover, 26; Atwater, 14; Austintown, 20; Bellevue, 20; Berea, 1.30; Brownhelm, 6; Chardon, 1; Chester Cross Roads, 2.50; Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch., 25.72; Vine St. Ch., 8; Claridon, 25; Clarksfield, 19.70; Cleveland, Archwood Ave. Ch., 24.14, Euclid Ave. Ch., 138.91, First Ch., 69.50, Franklin Ave. Ch., 5, Hough, Ave. Ch., 6.75, Plymouth Ch., 9.73; Columbus, Eastwood Ave. Ch., 25, Plymouth Ch., 50; Conneaut, 26; Cortland, 2.30; Elyria, 165.61; Garrettsville, 4; Geneva, 31.87; Hudson, 16; Jefferson, 10.58; Kelloggsville, 5.70; Kent, 2; Kirtland, 6.35; Lindenville, 26 cts.; Lodi, 1.85; Lorain, 23.30; Marietta, 90.87; Marysville, 20; Newark, 13; New London, 6; North Amherst, 5; North Bloomfield, 4.25; North Monroeville, 10.75; Norwalk, 2.21; Oberlin, 225; Paddy's Run, 10; Painesville, 12.50; Pittsfield, 5; Miss Young, 1; Plain, 5; Randolph, Mrs. Merriam, 5; Ridgeville Corners, 5; Rootstown, 7.90; Ruggles, 21.75; Sandusky, 10; Sheffield, 15; Springfield, First Ch., 10.56; Franklin, M. S., 4.94; Steuben, 19.25; Steubenville, 6.32; Tallmadge, 8.31; Toledo, Central Ch., 26.56, First Ch., 110, Second Ch., 1.25, Washington St. Ch., 48; Twinsburg, 10; Unionville, 17.38; Wakeman, 17.67; Wellington, 6.91; Weymouth, 5; Windham, 24.25; West Williamsfield, 6.40; Zanesville, 7, 1,632 02	88 19
JUNIOR: Elyria, Dr. Root Club, 10; Lyme, 23.94; Marysville, 4; Mt. Vernon, 5.25; Ruggles, 20; Marietta, 25.	57 39
JUVENILE: Charlestown, Ready Workers, 2; Mansfield, Children's Hour, 5; Mt. Vernon, Coral Workers, 5; Oberlin, 33.39; Ruggles, Coral Workers, 10; Ceredo, W. Va., 2.	12 00
C. E.: Austintown, 15; Berea, 4.25; Cleveland, First Ch., 39, Plymouth Ch., 50; Columbus, Eastwood Ch., 5; Fitchville, 6.75; Geneva, 10; Harnar, 2.50; Kent, 8; Mansfield, Mayflower Ch., 5; North Ridgeville, 7.40; Oberlin, First Ch., 10.50, Second Ch., 20; Ruggles, 6.80; Springfield, First Ch., 12.50; Unionville, 8.35; Vermillion, 3; Wellington, 16.40; York, 10.	26 36
JUNIOR C. E.: Cleveland, East Madison Ch., 5, Trinity Ch., 5; Litchfield, 2.	231 45
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 6.26; Elyria, Primary Dept., 1; Oberlin, First Ch., 15; Twinsburg, 3.60; Weymouth, 50 cts.	12 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Akron, First Ch., 12; Alexis, Mite Box Soc., 3.15; Berea, 18.70; Burton, 11.84; Chardon, 5.95; Chester Cross Roads, 3.50, Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch., 41.42; Cleveland, Archwood	

Ave. Ch., 17.68, Euclid Ave. Ch., 38.41, Plymouth Ch., 26.27; Conneaut, 12.50; Dayton, 2.50; Elyria, 45.04; Garretts- ville, 10; Geneva, 23.15; Harmar, 1.50; Jefferson, 3.19; Lindenville, 11.74; Lodi, 8.65; Lorain, 17.65; Marietta, Y. L. S., 12; Medina, 11; Norwalk, 1.49; Oberlin, 217; Penfield, 4.25; Rootstown, 11.85; Sandusky, 35; Sheffield, 1.50; Spring- field, First Ch., 12.75; Steuben, 10.75; Unionville, 6.62; Wakeman, 25.83; Well- ington, 55.43; Ceredo, W. Va., 2.35; China, Tientsin, 5,	727 66
FOR THE DEBT: Lindenville, 1; Marietta, First Ch., 10; Springfield, First Ch., 7; Tallmadge, 9.25; Whittlesey, Mrs. S. G. C. and Mrs. M. J. C., 2,	29 25
SPECIALS: Claridon, Wadale, care Mrs. H. Fairbanks, 30; Harmar, Samokov, care Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Haskell, 39.85; Springfield, First, Harpoot, Mrs. Dyer's daughter, 7; Painesville, Armenian sufferers, 12,	88 85
	2,893 17
Less expenses,	5 20
Total,	2,887 97

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. B. Packard, of Den- ver, Treas. Boulder, 6.25; Crested Butte, 23.40; Colorado Springs, First Ch., 100, Second Ch., 80 cts.; Denver, Second Ch., 24, Third Ch., 9, Boulevard Ch., 22.35, North Ch., 9.60; Greeley, 26.10; Montrose, 2.25; Pueblo, First Ch., 17.50; Whitewater, 2.35,	243 60
C. E.: Crested Butte, 5; Denver, First Ch., 9, Plymouth Ch., 2.50; Julesburg, 1,	17 50
JUNIOR: Whitewater, "Willing Workers,"	50
JUVENILE: Boulder, 1; Denver, Boule- vard Ch., Busy Bees, 1.30,	2 30
JUNIOR C. E.: Denver, So. Broadway Ch.,	7 08
Total,	270 98

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Armour, 11.03; Aurora, 2; Bryant, 3; Chamberlain, 2; Dead- wood, 9; Earlville, Mrs. J. M. Zook, 2.50; Fort Pierre, 2; Huron, 25; Letcher, 1; Pierre, 13; Red Heights, 1; Sioux Falls, 6; Vermillion, 23,	100 53
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THANK OFFERINGS: Chamberlain, 3; Co- lumbia, 10; Myron, 3.60; Sioux Falls, 19.	35 60
FOR THE DEBT: Extra dollar, Mrs. S. F. Ward,	1 00
Total,	137 13

## WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Ashland, 20; Beloit, First Ch., 40; Bloomer, 5.50; Brandon, 26.50; Bir- namwood, 2.25; Brodhead, 14; Colum- bus, 25.70; Clinton, 50.11; Durand, 5; Delevan, 15.23; Elroy, 3.20; Elkhorn, 20; Eau Claire, 41; Ft. Atkinson, 9.70; Foot- ville, 15; Fond du Lac, 25; Grand Rapids and Centralia, 44.50; Janesville, 36.56; Kenosha, 55; La Crosse, 10.83; Lake Geneva, 65; Lancaster, 12; Milton, 25; Menomonie, 7; Platteville, 12.50; Racine, 12.65; Ripon, 24; Rosendale, 11.50; South Milwaukee, 3; Stoughton, 13; Sun Pra- irie, 17; White Creek, 2; Windsor, 31.75;	
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Wauwatosa, 12; Waukesha, 63.88; White- water, 25; Oconomowoc, 5.50,	807 80
JUNIOR: Burlington, 24; Grand Rapids, 25; Wauwatosa, by Miss Donita De Swarte, 10,	59 00
C. E.: South Milwaukee, 3.30; Viroqua, 3.21,	6 51
JUVENILE: Clinton, Busy Bees, 4; Fort Atkinson, 2; Wauwatosa, 5,	11 00
JUNIOR C. E.: Bloomer, 2.50; Eau Claire, 15; Lake Geneva, 20; South Milwaukee, 1.20; Stoughton, 2.90; Whitewater, 5,	46 60
FOR THE DEBT: Beloit, Second Ch., 10; Burlington, Y. L., 3.20; Clinton, 3.25; Ft. Atkinson, 2.50; Milton, 7; Oshkosh, Ply- mouth Ch., 13; Platteville, 12.13; White- water, 3,	54 08
SPECIAL: Hammond, Mrs. S. W. Wright, 10; Viroqua, 8.50,	18 50
Less expenses,	1,003 49
Total,	20 00
	983 49

## SECOND STATEMENT.

Appleton, 72.98; Baraboo, 8; Clinton, 8; De Pere, 7; Edgerton, 17.30; Eagle River, 12.30; Endeavor, 5; Genoa Jun- ction, 10; Koshkonong, 13; Kinzie Kinzie, 5; Liberty Corners, 9.65; Lynxville, 2.50; Leeds, 14.85; Lake Mills, 3; Milwaukee, North Side Ch., 3.75, Grand Ave. Ch., 16.70; Madison, 53; Peshtigo, by Mrs. Andrews, 5; South Milwaukee, 2.55; Wauwatosa, 5.25; Wisconsin, 25 cts.,	269 48
JUNIOR: Janesville, Loani Band,	60 00
C. E.: Coloma, 5; Edgerton, 10; Fulton, 5; Stoughton, 3; South Milwaukee, 2.25,	25 25
JUVENILE: Beloit, First Ch., the Carter Children, 1.52; La Crosse, Coral Work- ers, 41.73,	43 25
JUNIOR C. E.: Janesville, 12; South Mil- waukee, 2,	14 00
Less expenses,	411 98
Total,	8 22
	403 76

## WYOMING.

UNION.—Mrs. H. N. Smith, Treas. Chey- enne,	22 90
JUVENILE: Cheyenne,	12 50
Total,	35 40

## CALIFORNIA.

Berkeley, S. N. I., 1; Pasadena, Mrs. C. W. Brown, 5; San Diego, A Friend, for Debt, 5,	11 00
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## CHINA.

Pang-Chuang.—Mission Band,	9 84
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## NEW YORK.

New York.—Mrs. Darwin R. James,	25 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Collection box at Rooms, 1.35; Mrs. Thom's Entertainment at Roger's Park, 1.10; sale of leaflets, 19.36; envelopes, 4.93; boxes, 5.85; chart, 60 cts.,	33 19
Receipts for month,	14,351 05
Previously acknowledged,	52,170 05
Total since Oct. 26, 1894,	\$66,521 10
Mrs. ALFRED B. WILLCOX, Ass't Treas.	

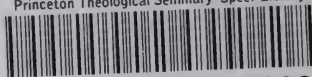


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